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**PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY
LIMITED.**

TIME-TABLE

WEEK DAYS.
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
8.00 " " 8.30 " " 10 " "
8.30 " " 9.00 " " 10 " "
9.00 " " 9.30 " " 10 " "
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1.30 " " 2.00 " " 10 " "
2.00 " " 2.30 " " 10 " "
2.30 " " 3.00 " " 10 " "

NIGHT CARS.
8.50 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Every 30 minutes
11.45 p.m.

SATURDAY.
Extra Car - 12.00 Midnight.

SUNDAY.
7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes
10.30 " " 11.00 " " 10 " "
11.00 " " 11.30 " " 10 " "
11.30 " " 12.00 noon " " 10 " "
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " " 10 " "
1.00 p.m. to 3.30 " " 10 " "
3.30 " " 4.00 " " 10 " "
4.00 " " 4.30 " " 10 " "
4.30 " " 5.00 " " 10 " "
5.00 " " 5.30 " " 10 " "

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at
the Company's Office, Alexandra Build-
ings, Des Voeux Road Central.
Season and punch tickets available for
all cars not already full running at the
time stated in the Company's time-tables,
but not for special cars, can be obtained
on application at the Company's Office.
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Notes or by Cheque or Compro Order
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

TIME-TABLE.

On and after TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 1919, until further Notice.
(All previous Time Tables cancelled.)

DOWN TRAINS

Stations	No. 1 Local	No. 2 Through	No. 3 Local	No. 4 Through	No. 5 Local	No. 6 Through	No. 7 Local	No. 8 Through	No. 9 Local	No. 10 Through	No. 11 Local	No. 12 Through	No. 13 Local	No. 14 Through	No. 15 Local	No. 16 Through	No. 17 Local	No. 18 Through	No. 19 Local	No. 20 Through
	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.	arr.	exp.
CANTON (Chi Shu Tan)	dep.	7.30			8.55				9.30											
SHA LUAG	arr.	7.45	8.40		9.15				9.45											
Shum Chun	arr.	7.55	8.10	8.15	9.25	11.45			9.40											
Shum Chai	arr.	8.05	8.20	8.25	9.35	11.55			9.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	8.15	8.30	8.35	9.45	12.05			10.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	8.25	8.40	8.45	9.55	12.15			10.10											
Tai Po	arr.	8.35	8.50	8.55	10.05	12.25			10.20											
Sha Lo	arr.	8.45	9.00	9.05	10.15	12.35			10.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	8.55	9.10	9.15	10.25	12.45			10.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	9.05	9.20	9.25	10.35	12.55			10.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	9.15	9.30	9.35	10.45	13.05			11.00											
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Tai Po Market	arr.	10.25	10.40	10.45	11.55	14.15			12.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	10.45	11.00	11.05	12.15	14.35			12.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	10.55	11.10	11.15	12.25	14.45			12.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	11.05	11.20	11.25	12.35	14.55			12.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	11.15	11.30	11.35	12.45	15.05			13.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	11.25	11.40	11.45	12.55	15.15			13.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	11.45	12.00	12.05	13.15	15.35			13.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	11.55	12.10	12.15	13.25	15.45			13.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	12.05	12.20	12.25	13.35	15.55			13.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	12.15	12.30	12.35	13.45	16.05			14.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	12.25	12.40	12.45	13.55	16.15			14.10											
Tai Po	arr.	12.35	12.50	12.55	14.05	16.25			14.20											
Sha Lo	arr.	12.45	13.00	13.05	14.15	16.35			14.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	12.55	13.10	13.15	14.25	16.45			14.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	13.05	13.20	13.25	14.35	16.55			14.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	13.15	13.30	13.35	14.45	17.05			15.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	13.25	13.40	13.45	14.55	17.15			15.10											
Tai Po	arr.	13.35	13.50	13.55	15.05	17.25			15.20											
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Tai Po Market	arr.	14.25	14.40	14.45	15.55	18.15			16.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	14.45	15.00	15.05	16.15	18.35			16.30											
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Shum Chun	arr.	15.05	15.20	15.25	16.35	18.55			16.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	15.15	15.30	15.35	16.45	19.05			17.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	15.25	15.40	15.45	16.55	19.15			17.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	15.45	16.00	16.05	17.15	19.35			17.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	15.55	16.10	16.15	17.25	19.45			17.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	16.05	16.20	16.25	17.35	19.55			17.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	16.15	16.30	16.35	17.45	20.05			18.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	16.25	16.40	16.45	17.55	20.15			18.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	16.45	17.00	17.05	18.15	20.35			18.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	16.55	17.10	17.15	18.25	20.45			18.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	17.05	17.20	17.25	18.35	20.55			18.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	17.15	17.30	17.35	18.45	21.05			19.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	17.25	17.40	17.45	18.55	21.15			19.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	17.45	18.00	18.05	19.15	21.35			19.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	17.55	18.10	18.15	19.25	21.45			19.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	18.05	18.20	18.25	19.35	21.55			19.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	18.15	18.30	18.35	19.45	22.05			20.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	18.25	18.40	18.45	19.55	22.15			20.10											
Tai Po	arr.	18.35	18.50	18.55	20.05	22.25			20.20											
Sha Lo	arr.	18.45	19.00	19.05	20.15	22.35			20.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	18.55	19.10	19.15	20.25	22.45			20.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	19.05	19.20	19.25	20.35	22.55			20.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	19.15	19.30	19.35	20.45	23.05			21.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	19.25	19.40	19.45	20.55	23.15			21.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	19.45	20.00	20.05	21.15	23.35			21.30											
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Shum Chun	arr.	20.05	20.20	20.25	21.35	23.55			21.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	20.15	20.30	20.35	21.45	24.05			22.00											
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Shum Chun	arr.	21.05	21.20	21.25	22.35	24.55			22.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	21.15	21.30	21.35	22.45	25.05			23.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	21.25	21.40	21.45	22.55	25.15			23.10											
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Sha Lo	arr.	21.45	22.00	22.05	23.15	25.35			23.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	21.55	22.10	22.15	23.25	25.45			23.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	22.05	22.20	22.25	23.35	25.55			23.50											
Yau Ma Tei	arr.	22.15	22.30	22.35	23.45	26.05			24.00											
Tai Po Market	arr.	22.25	22.40	22.45	23.55	26.15			24.10											
Tai Po	arr.	22.35	22.50	22.55	24.05	26.25			24.20											
Sha Lo	arr.	22.45	23.00	23.05	24.15	26.35			24.30											
Shum Chai	arr.	22.55	23.10	23.15	24.25	26.45			24.40											
Shum Chun	arr.	23																		

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A QUANTITY OF
XMAS TOYS and 500 lbs best guaranteed
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Drying Room, Dining Room, Drawing
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A well-built, 6-ROOMED EUROPEAN
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Price very moderate.
For particulars apply to—
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(1614)

HONGKONG HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR
1919.DINNER DANCES will be held
on the following nights during
CHRISTMAS WEEK—
TO-NIGHT—
CHRISTMAS EVE,
(WEDNESDAY), DECEMBER 24th.
TO-MORROW NIGHT
CHRISTMAS NIGHT,
(THURSDAY), DECEMBER 25th.
BOXING NIGHT,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th.
AND
NEW YEAR'S EVE,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st.The popular Entertainers, THE MISSES
ALICE and DORIS WOODS, will appear
in the above CHRISTMAS DANCE.Special Table d'Hôte Menus will be
provided in the GRILL ROOM at \$2.50 per
head, and in the MAIN DINING ROOM at
\$3.50 per head.Patrons are advised to book early as
accommodation is limited. All tables pre-
viously engaged and not cancelled by
mid-day on the day to which such reservation
applies will be charged for, whether occupied
or not.Bookings may be made at the HOTEL
MAIN OFFICE.J. H. TAGGART
Manager. [1699]

INTIMATIONS

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A BALL will be held on the Evening of
the 1st of JANUARY, 1920, com-
mencing at 8.15 p.m.
Tickets including buffet supper can be
obtained at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Main
Office at \$2 per head.
Dinner will not be served at the REPULSE
BAY HOTEL on the Opening Night.
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager. [1705]

NOTICE.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS.

ON and from the 1st JANUARY, 1920, the
Price of GAS will be Reduced from
\$2.50 to \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic feet.
GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary,
HONGKONG & CHINA GAS
CO. LTD.
Hongkong, December 18th, 1919. [1685]

NOTICE.

TO ALL WHOM it may concern I
SAMUEL JOHN CLAYE at present
residing at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder
Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, hereby give Notice that I have
expressly withdrawn all and every
authority which my wife Gladys Arelene
Claye may have at any time, either ex-
pressly or by implication or otherwise,
acquired to contract for me or in my name
or as my agent or in any way to pledge
my credit—I having expressly forbidden
her so to do and the being sufficiently
supplied with all necessary—and that I
will not be responsible for her debts
whenever or howsoever incurred.
Dated this 17th day of December, 1919.
S. J. CLAYE [1682]

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

IN Order to enable the Contractors to
complete the work in connection with
the above Hotel at the earliest possible date
without interruption, and in order to avoid
all possibility of damage to the Flooring,
Tiles, Paint Work, etc., the public are
requested to kindly abstain from visiting
the Hotel as on and from this date until its
completion and formal opening of which due
Notice will be given by Advertisement in
the Local Newspapers.
The Management of the Hotel feel sure
that they may rely upon the ready
co-operation of the public in the foregoing
regard.
Dated this Sixth day of November, 1919.
For THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.
Proprietors of the REPULSE BAY HOTEL,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager. [1593]HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
CERTIFICATE No. 5/NS 5338 dated
Hongkong November 8th, 1919 for five
shares numbered 26894 to 26898 and 68291
to 68295 inclusive, all registered in the name
of HO SHUI FU has been LOST or
STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be
produced to the Bank before the 26th day
of DECEMBER, 1919, a new Certificate for the
shares will be issued and the aforesaid
Certificate No. 5/NS 5338 will be thereafter
treated by this Corporation as NULL and
VOID.By Order of the Court of Directors,
S. J. STARR,
N. Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 28th, 1919. [1576]

HONGKONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

NOVICES' COMPETITION.

ENTRIES are invited for a NOVICES'
COMPETITION (all Weights) to be
held on or about the 10th day of January,
1920, to be conducted under the Competition
Rules of the National Sporting Club, subject
to such variations therein as may be made
by the Boxing Committee of the above
Association.Weight to be N.S.C. Standard Weights.
Entries will not be accepted from any man
who has (a) won any Open Novices' Competition
or (b) taken part in any Contest or in
any Open Competition other than one for
Novices.
Entries must be made at or before Noon on
Wednesday, December 24th, and be addressed
to the undersigned.
J. O. WILSON,
Manager.Old Leamington & Rovers Office,
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College, Melbourne, Australia.
CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.,
Chater Road. [1463]PALACE HOTEL KOWLOON,
Corner of Haiphong & Hankow Roads,
T.S.E.TWO Minutes from Ferry and Railway
station. This Hotel has just been
completely renovated and refurnished, is
now up-to-date in every respect and under
English Management.
Cuisine under personal supervision of the
Proprietor.
BAR AND BILLIARD ROOMS.
TERMS MODERATE.
Special Arrangements for Families on
Application to—
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager. [1699]

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

"THE CHINA MAIL'S" EDITOR
FINED \$50.

INTERESTING LEGAL ARGUMENT.

The hearing was resumed yesterday
in the case in which the editor of the
China Mail, Mr. G. W. O. Burnett, ap-
peared before the Full Court, consisting
of the Chief Justice (Sir William Ross
Davies, K.C.) and the Puisne Judge (Mr.
Justice Gompertz), to answer to a charge
of contempt of Court.The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr.
J. H. Kemp, C.B.E. (instructed by the
Crown Solicitor) prosecuted, and the
Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E. (in-
structed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson) ap-
peared for the defence.An affidavit by the Crown Solicitor
(Mr. G. H. Wakeman) stated, inter
alia:—"I have read the six paragraphs
which appear under the heading 'Ad-
versaria' on page 4 of the China Mail
newspaper, bearing date the 11th day
of December, 1919, now produced
and which said articles pur-
port to relate to a case in which a
certain prisoner was committed by a
Police Magistrate for trial at the
Criminal Sessions of this Honourable
Court to be held in the month of
January, 1920, on a charge of uttering
27 forged rupee notes of 10 rupees each.
"The said paragraphs comment on
the conduct of the Police Magistrate in
committing the said defendant for trial
and are, in my opinion, calculated to
prejudice the trial of the said prisoner
at the Criminal Sessions.""I verily believe that the said para-
graphs refer to the case of Rex v.
Ma Yu Hing, in which the prisoner was
committed by the Full Court, on the 10th day of December, 1919,
committed by the Hon. Mr. Justice Wood,
Esquire, Police Magistrate, for trial at
the Criminal Sessions of this Court."The affidavit filed by Mr. Burnett
was to the effect that he took upon
himself full responsibility for the articles
in the China Mail of December 11th,
which he read and approved before pub-
lication. He had no intention of show-
ing any disrespect or contempt of court
or any intention whatsoever of endea-
vouring to prejudice the fair trial of
or against him in the event of his being
brought for trial, but regarded the para-
graphs as being, partly, in the nature of
a warning to the public of the possibility
of any person being arrested and com-
mitted for trial should he pay over to the
Bank money which was, in fact, bad and
consequently, should take greater care
than heretofore to ascertain that money
received was actually good; and, partly,
criticism on the value of demeanour and
temperament thereon. He had the fullest
respect for the laws of this Colony and
Court of this Colony and it is his hon-
ourable Court should be in the nature of
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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday evening at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr (Captain) presided and was supported by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Messrs. T. S. Forrest, W. D. Kraft, R. Melville Smith, F. H. Thomas and C. L. Sanders (Hon. Secretary). There was a large attendance of members.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, the accounts for the year ending September 30th last have been in your hands for some days now and I will, as usual, take them as read. I think you will agree they show the Club's affairs as being in a prosperous condition, taking into consideration that we compare 12 months' expenditure this year with 9 months of 1913, since it was decided to close the latter accounts on September 30th, 1913, from which date the present year's accounts commence. The difference in the Fanning figures is, of course, also accounted for by the payment of some \$5,000 for the new nine holes of the Relief course.

It will be realised that the efficient maintenance and upkeep of the four courses now belonging to the Club will tend to increase, rather than diminish, our expenditure, and I think we may congratulate ourselves on having weathered the terrible years of the war with so comparatively satisfactory results.

With regard to the Happy Valley Club-house, destroyed by the fire of 1917, your Committee decided at the beginning of the present year to leave the question of rebuilding in abeyance pending the decision of the Stewards of the Jockey Club to extend the Race-stands further west. In the meantime we desire to place on record our appreciation and thanks for their continued hospitality.

While there has been no alteration in the Happy Valley course the Deep Water Bay links have been altered to prevent much crossing, which, owing to increased patronage during the summer months, was becoming a danger to players. For the re-arranging of this course as well as for laying out the new 9 holes of our Relief course at Fanning we are again indebted to the wise and comprehensive golf-mind of Mr. T. S. Forrest, whose name will ever be intimately associated not only for his fine play but also for the many services he has rendered to the Club.

You were informed last year by the Hon. Mr. David Landale, my predecessor, that Mr. H. W. Looker had kindly offered to build two wings on to the Lady's pavilion at Fanning in memory of his late wife and many happy days spent at Fanning. This work, consisting of two general dressing-rooms and four bedrooms with bath-rooms, has since been completed, and is very greatly appreciated by the wives and families of members. On behalf of the Club we tender to Mr. H. W. Looker our grateful thanks. The members' appreciation may be gauged by the fact that all the rooms have been let continuously and are booked full, provisionally, for some time to come. It is the intention, with Mr. Looker's approval, to place a brass tablet in the dining-hall of the Lady's pavilion recording his generous presentation to the Club.

While on the subject of memorials, it is also intended to erect a tablet in the Club-house at Fanning bearing the names of those gallant members who lost their lives in the great war and who contributed so effectually, together with those who fought and returned to us, in securing to posterity the freedom to enjoy the Royal and Ancient game of Golf in this Colony.

It is also intended to issue a list of official competitions, to be played on fixed dates during 1920, for members' information. These will include the Governor's shield, presented by H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs under conditions recently published; also the Jasper Clarke Challenge cup presented by his wife in memory of her late husband, killed in the war, to be played for on a day that has Scottish traditions, the cup to remain a perpetual Challenge cup and never to be played for by anyone who was of enemy origin during the war. The Committee have accepted Mrs. Jasper Clarke's offer and terms, which will remain on record in the annals of the Club, and will arrange for the cup to be played for on a date as near St. Andrew's Day as convenient, conditions—36 holes on the Championship course of Fanning, medal play at scratch, the Club to present a prize as souvenir and in token of the great respect and

esteem in which this late gallant officer was held by all who knew him.

The question of balls has been a difficult one owing to the lack of proper material in the manufacturing during the latter months of the war. The Club had a large stock of balls in March last which would have carried us on over Christmas under ordinary circumstances, but the covers were found to split and crack at once on using, and, on reference to the suppliers, we were informed that it had been impossible to procure the usual materials. These balls were obviously of no use to us, and so it was decided to return them, and Messrs. Challenger's and Spalding's have promised to replace their respective makes, but we are still corresponding with the St. Mungo Manufacturing Company, the makers of the Colonels, etc., who, we hope, will treat us in the same considerate way as the first-mentioned firms. We hear of clubs at home similarly situated. Adequate supplies are now on the way, and within a few weeks it is hoped that the situation will be relieved.

During the year Messrs. Little Adams and Wood were asked to submit plans for the re-arrangement of the men's Club-house at Fanning. These plans have now been received, but they practically mean pulling down the present building, except the actual four walls, and erecting a new building at a cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

It will no doubt be agreed that the present state of the Club's accounts do not admit of so large an ordinary expenditure, more especially as during the coming year a building will have to be erected for the Club-steward at Fanning by the end of 1920, when our lease with Mr. Orme for his house falls due.

It is absolutely necessary, gentlemen, for the safe custody of our valuable property in the shape of silver, glass, napery, furniture, etc., to have a resident steward at Fanning, and this post, which also includes looking after the links, has so far been filled to the satisfaction of your Committee by Sergeant Kern with the able assistance of his capable wife.

It must be remembered that we have at present an outstanding debt of \$86,000 in addition to an overdraft with our Bankers of \$42,000, and, bright as the prospects of this Club undoubtedly are, I am convinced that it would be most unwise to saddle the Club with a further heavy debt by rebuilding the Club-house at present. We all realise that our Club-house is by no means ideal and leaves a great deal to be desired as regards space and suitable accommodation, both up and down stairs, but I think we can carry on as we are and be fairly comfortable for a few years longer, and leave the question of re-building over until some future date when the Club's liabilities have been reduced. The question is one for the incoming Committee to deal with, but, unless members are willing to subscribe and present the Club with a new building, I personally do not see how anything can be done in the meantime.

With these remarks, I beg to move the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. G. C. Maxon seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN:—I should like to read to you the following correspondence:—

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1914.

To Sir Francis Henry May, G.C.M.G., 59, Cadogan Place, London, S.W.

MR. DEAR SIR HENRY MAY.—The Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club have heard with much regret of the news of your recent illness, and the consequent necessity for your resigning the Governorship of this Colony.

They desire to place on record in the annals of the Club their deep appreciation of your keen interest and kindly services in its welfare, more especially in the inauguration during your tenure of office of the new Fanning Golf course, which has proved so great a success and, it is considered, will continue to be a source of good in the Colony; and I have the pleasure to inform you it will be the Captain's privilege at the next annual general meeting to propose to the members that you be elected a life-member of the Club.

The Committee desire to tender their hearty congratulations on the further honours which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer on you, and trust that you may be spared for many years to enjoy in restored health at home a well-earned, long and happy retirement.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) E. V. D. Parr.
(Captain).

To the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Captain, H.K. Golf Club.

August 3rd, 1914.
MR. DEAR PARR.—Please accept for yourself and convey to the committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club my warm thanks for the expressions of sympathy and congratulation contained in your letter of the 4th of June.

It is a great satisfaction to learn that the small services I was able to render to the Golf Club are so much appreciated that it is proposed to put my name forward as a life-member of the Club.

If this honour is conferred upon me I shall be most proud, and shall remember with added gratefulness the day when I was inveigled by the late, lamented Mr. E. A. Hewitt and his fellow-conspirators to leave my first game of golf at Fanning—Believe me, yours sincerely,
F. H. MAY.

The CHAIRMAN.—One of the many services referred to was Sir Henry May's advice regarding the urgency for the top-dressing of the fairway of the course which we are now benefiting from. Also, as years pass, the trees and shrubs planted on the surrounding hills at his instigation will make Fanning not only, as it is now, one of the grandest, but also one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world. We are glad to hear of Sir Henry's greatly improved health, and I have much pleasure in proposing he be elected a life-member of the Club.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: The incoming Secretary will write and tell Sir Henry May what has been done.

Mr. G. S. Archibald proposed "That, no structural alterations be made to the main golf-house building at Fanning without taking the opinion of a general meeting." He said: I am proposing this resolution in view of the fact that further accommodation will undoubtedly be necessary in the near future, and it is best to sound the feeling of the members with regard to the suitability or otherwise of the existing accommodation and the possibility of its being improved and altered.

Mr. F. A. Weiss, seconding, stated that he would also ask the Committee to make some statement as to when a new club-house was to be built at Happy Valley, as the present arrangements were uncomfortable.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the Committee had not thought it advisable to go to the expense of putting up a pavilion at Happy Valley until the Jockey Club intended to extend the race-stands further west, for otherwise, a pavilion, if built, would have to come down. He was quite sure that any incoming Committee would never make any alterations to the club-house at Fanning without reference to a general meeting.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The election of officers-bearers next took place.

Mr. G. M. Young was elected captain and applause.

The CHAIRMAN: The thanks of the Club are due to Messrs. J. de B. Lancaster, P. P. J. Wodehouse, O. L. Sanders and J. W. Frank, who have carried out the onerous duties of Honorary Secretary during the year. Mr. Sanders handed over to Mr. Frank as he proposed to leave for home this month, and as Mr. Frank is also now leaving, I beg to propose Mr. Sanders be elected as Hon. Secretary pending the election of Mr. Greenhill, who has kindly volunteered to take over the duties in January.

Mr. C. L. Sanders was unanimously elected as Hon. Secretary.

When the action of the Committee was to take place, Mr. Hallifax stated that the Club had reached a stage when it was desirable to have an enlarged Committee, and, if he had been in time, he would have moved a resolution to alter the rules accordingly. At present the Committee were entitled by the articles to add to their number. A sub-committee was looking after the course at Deep Water Bay, but they were not elected members who had no vote on the Committee. That did not give a proper sense of responsibility and was very much in favour of an enlarged Committee, from which a series of sub-committees could be appointed to take charge of the various links, and look into the smaller details of expenditure with a view to saving money.

Mr. T. Hill supported the idea, and suggested that the names of the sub-committees be posted at the Club-house so that any member having a grievance might know whom to go to.

The CHAIRMAN replied that he was sure the incoming Committee would consider the suggestions. He also mentioned that Messrs. Dodwell and Forrest were shortly leaving the Colony for home and would not be able to stand for election on the Committee. Mr. Dodwell had been a member of the Committee for six years, for two of which he had the honour of being Captain of the Club, and had given them the benefit of his wise judgment and sound advice. Mr. A. Ritchie, also, had resigned the Committee during the year. The Club had to thank him for many valuable services rendered; and also Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin for his services at Deep Water Bay. He was sure they would all join him in wishing them good luck and happy days on the Home links.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE IMPRISONED.

FOR REFUSING TO DO DUTY.

One of the recruits of the Police Force, P.C. St. Denis-Lawender, attached to the West Point Police, was charged at the Magistrate's yesterday, with insubordination by refusing to go on duty.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, O.S.P. said: The facts are that the defendant was brought to a defaulters' parade and I had reason, yesterday morning, to fine him for being absent from duty on Saturday night and being drunk. I fined him \$5 and also made an order that he should not be put on special duty for which he usually got a little extra money, as I considered him unfit to be trusted with special duty of that kind. The next I heard of him was when I was rung up about six o'clock in the evening yesterday by Inspector Macdonald, who informed me that the defendant had gone round to the charge room and definitely informed him that he refused to do any more duty. I instructed Inspector Macdonald to tell him that it was a serious matter to refuse to go on duty and would bring him before your Worship unless he did his duty in the ordinary manner. At midnight last night he came down to the charge room and informed Inspector Macdonald that he was still of the same opinion, that he still declined to perform his duty. I then had him put on the charge sheet.

Mr. Wood: The charge against you, Denis-Lawender, is that you, last night at midnight, refused to go on patrol duty, thereby misconducting yourself as a constable. You plead guilty or not guilty?

Defendant: Guilty, your Worship. All I should wish to say is that if I was not in a fit condition to do special duty, I was not in a fit condition to go on patrol duty.

Mr. Wood: Your explanation does not improve your position at all. It seems to me you have been seriously insubordinate to your superiors. You are sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

NAVY & GARRISON.

The following XI will represent the Navy in the cricket match against the Garrison on December 29th and 30th, commencing at 11 a.m. each day:—Paymaster-Lieut. C. G. Robinson (captain), Paymaster-Lieut. Commr. A. S. Holborn, and Rev. F. G. B. Hastings of H.M.S. *Tamar*; Surgeon-Commander E. H. Roll and Lieut. L. D. Jones of H.M.S. *Albatross*; Lt. F. J. Lambert and Lieut. A. H. S. Caswell of H.M.S. *Corvette*; Lieut. Commr. A. B. Greig and Lieut. E. H. Dolphin of H.M.S. *Amphibious*; Lieut. I. B. Franks of H.M.S. *Sandpiper*, and Mr. E. G. Kennett, of H.M. Dockyard.

As far as is known the same team will play against the H.K.C.C. on January 1st and 2nd.

SUBMARINE FLOTILLA CUP.

WILL BE WON ON CLUB GROUND.

A charity football match will be played on the Hongkong Club ground at Happy Valley, by kind permission of the Hongkong Club, on December 29th, kick off at 3.30 p.m.

The match is the final match in the Submarine Flotilla Cup competition. Mr. E. Black, of the Club, will referee. Admission to the stands will be 50 cents, and a collection will also be made on the grounds. The proceeds will be given to the War Devastated Areas of France Fund. The Cup will be presented to the winning team immediately after the match.

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The following Committee was elected:—Messrs. F. H. Thomas, E. J. Grist, W. D. Kraft, T. Hill, R. Melville Smith and the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr. Mr. Hallifax, though present, declined to offer himself for reelection on the ground that he could not devote the necessary time to the duties.

On the proposition of Mr. Young, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. T. S. Forrest was appointed a life-member of the Club in acknowledgment of his services. After expressing thanks to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. for the use of the room, and to the Chairman the meeting dispersed.

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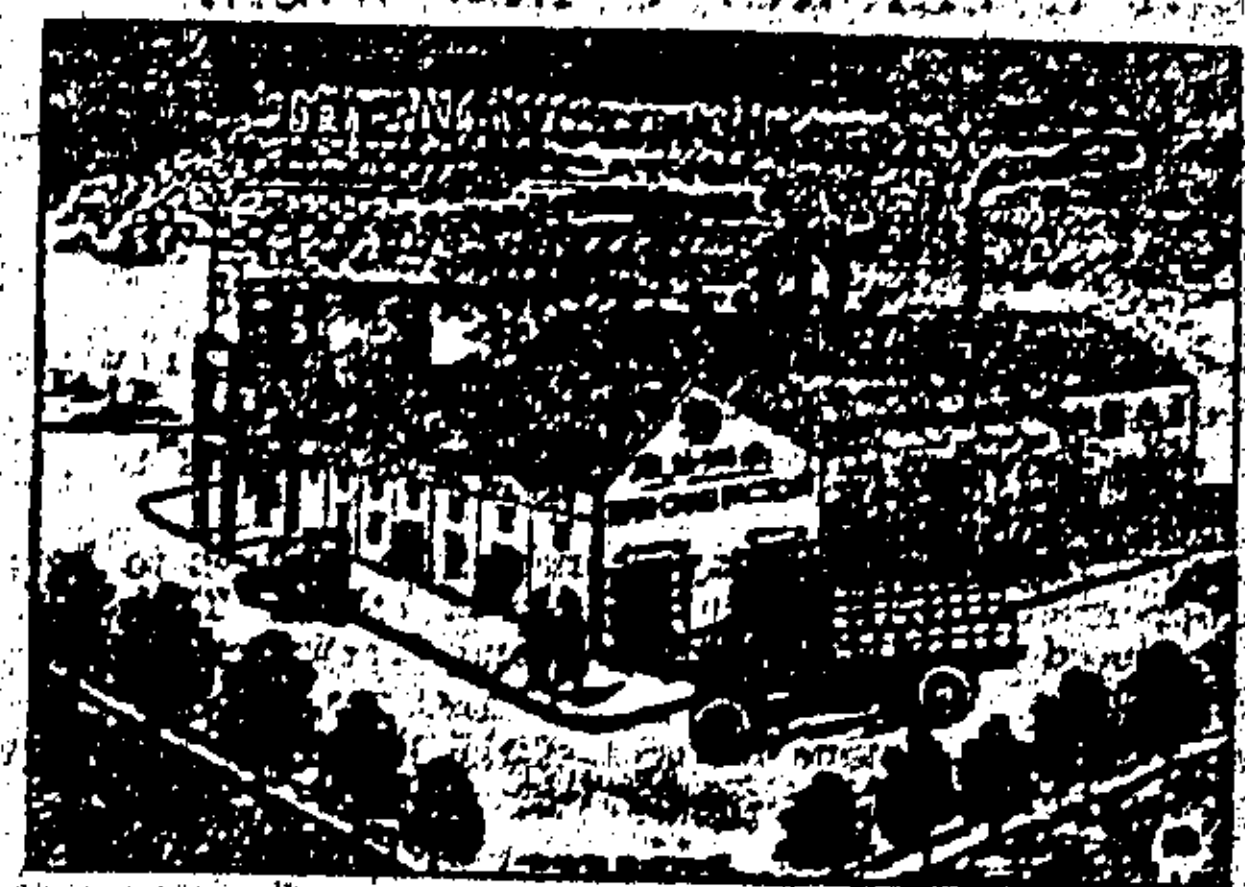
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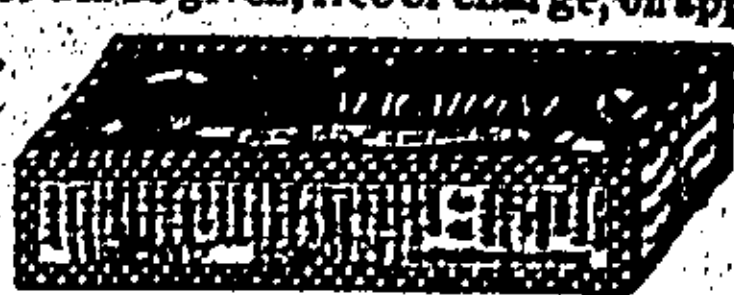
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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS REGARDING POLICE PAY.

REPEAL OF MILITARY SERVICE ORDINANCE

RETIREMENT OF THE HON. MR. A. G. BREWSTER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday at noon. There were present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir RICHARD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.)

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL F. VENTURA, C.B. (General Officer Commanding Troops in China)

Hon. Mr. CLUD SEYMOUR, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary)

Hon. Mr. J. H. BAKER, K.C. (Attorney-General)

Hon. Mr. C. W. MESSER, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer)

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works)

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIVAN, O.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs)

Hon. Mr. E. J. C. WOODS (Captain-Superintendent of Police)

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C. (Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAH)

Hon. Mr. HO FOK

Hon. Mr. E. G. BREWSTER

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. PARK

Hon. Mr. J. JOHNSTON

Mr. J. A. BULLOCK (Clerk of Councils)

NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK—Sir, I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of this Council I intend to move the following two Resolutions, namely:—

1.—That, with a view to giving facilities for commercial expansion, a Committee of the Legislative Council be appointed, consisting of His Excellency General Officer Commanding and two Official and three Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Council upon the resumption by the Hongkong Government of the Military Establishments on the Queen's Road, and the terms and conditions of such resumption.

2.—That the various Housing Schemes for different sections of the community in various districts of the Colony be now referred by the Government to the Public Works Committee of the Legislative Council, with power to that Committee to make suggestions as to the carrying out and financing of such schemes and as to the improvement of the methods of communication with the outlying districts which are sought to be developed by such schemes.

QUESTIONS BY MR. J. JOHNSTON

Hon. Mr. J. JOHNSTON asked the following questions, the reply in each case being read by the Colonial Treasurer:

Q.—Will the Government give any information regarding the present dispute concerning the pay of certain recently arrived Europeans for the Police Force?

A.—A number of recruits who arrived recently represented to the Government that on signing their agreements they were promised in some cases a substantial increase of 45% increase over and above the amount of salary stated in their agreements and that they were further informed that such increase if not already approved would be approved by the time they arrived in the Colony. On arrival they found that the question of the proposed increase in salaries was still under consideration and it is not settled yet.

In reply to their representations they were informed that a substantial increase had been recommended to the Secretary of State but that no payment of increase salaries could be made until the Secretary of State's approval had been received. However if any men considered that they had been brought out to the Colony owing to any misrepresentation or misunderstanding the Government was willing to repatriate them if necessary. Thereupon 12 men expressed their desire to be repatriated, and under the interval which must necessarily elapse before passages can be secured the men will be given the opportunity of returning home.

Q.—In view of the recent armed robberies and acts of violence committed in the heart of the City, do the Government consider the present Police Force (including the recently joined members) of sufficient strength to adequately deal with same either (1) by increasing the number on point duty, or (2) by night duty?

A.—When all the men applied for have arrived and men who went home to serve in His Majesty's Forces return, the Police Force should be in a fair position to deal with the increase in crime of violence. Should it however be found that the force requires further strengthening, the necessary increases will be recommended forthwith to the Secretary of State. The number of men (1) on point duty, and (2) on night duty are being increased as new men arrive and have been increased since the beginning of the year.

Q.—If, as seems reasonable in view of recent events, the reply to question No. 2 is in the negative, will the Government give any information regarding the steps to be taken, or which have already been taken, to increase the numbers of the European Police Force?

A.—In the Estimates for 1919, 160 Europeans were provided for. On 2nd December, 1919, the European strength was 158 exclusive of the two officers who have died within the last week. The number of European Police provided for in the 1920 Estimates is 183.

Forty-eight European Recruits have been engaged in England during the year of whom 33 have arrived and 15 have not yet arrived. Ten Recruits are at present on their way to Hongkong.

being just left Victoria, B.C., accompanied by 2 European Police Officers just released from military duty.

Of the 163 on the strength on 2nd December, 1919, 3 are on leave, 8 are still on Active Service and 1 are on their way from Victoria as stated above. There are 155 in the Colony at present.

In this connection it should also be noted that the Indian force has been brought up to strength being only 2 below the 1919 Estimates of 431.

There are 73 Chinese Police over and above the number provided for in the 1919 Estimates which provide for 413 Chinese Police.

Q.—In view of the greatly increased cost of living in this Colony, as elsewhere in the world, will the Government consider the advisability of a substantial increase in the pay of the N.C.O.'s and men on the European Branch of the Force?

A.—This has already been recognized, and the necessary recommendations have been made. They are now awaiting the approval of the Secretary of State.

Q.—What would an increase of 30% on these men's salaries cost the Government?

A.—£7,250 including all ranks of Europeans excepting Superintendents.

Q.—If the reply to question No. 4 is in the negative, will the Government consent to the formation of a committee to enquire into the matter, and

Q.—Will they appoint as members of that committee two or more civilians whose knowledge of the position by reason of their employment of considerable numbers of European workers best fits them to give authoritative advice on the subject?

A.—In view of the answer to question 4, questions 5 and 7 do not arise. I would add, however, that if the Council agrees, the Government proposes, pending the receipt of the Secretary of State's decision, to pay all European Police Constables the present maximum salary of that grade as from the 1st of January.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK—Arising out of the answer to question one, I should like to ask a supplementary question, namely whether the Government has communicated with the Secretary of State with a view to ascertaining if any provision was made to any of these recruits of an increase of 45 per cent, or some other increase, on their arrival in the Colony.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR—It is the custom in this Council for notice to be given of all questions and I must ask the hon. member to give notice of his question.

PAPER

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table a paper 14—Quarterly Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 3rd quarter of 1919.

FINANCE

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the Finance Minutes Nos. 128 to 179 and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, No. 12 and moved that it be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the report of the proceedings of the Public Works Committee, No. 5.

The report of the Public Works Committee referred to the proposal to construct a public convenience at Barker Road station, and was as follows:—

The Chairman submitted plans showing the levels of the road in the vicinity of Barker Road Station and the position in which it was proposed by Government to construct the convenience. The position was on the hillside immediately to the north of the Station and below the level of Plantation Road, the roof of the proposed structure being about level with the road. With regard to the two sites suggested by the Sub-Committee of the Sanitary Board in their report dated the 14th August, 1919, he explained that, owing to their distance from the Station and the steepness of Plantation Road, it was extremely improbable that the existing nuisance would be remedied if the convenience were located on either of these sites. He mentioned that a rough sketch existed in several parts of the City, in proximity to houses of a superior class, occupied by Europeans, and no complaint with regard to these had reached him.

Mr. Alabaster stated that he had not realized from the plan submitted to the Sanitary Board, that the site proposed by the Government was in the position which had been explained. He therefore withdrew his opposition to the proposal.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend that the construction of the convenience in the position proposed by Government be proceeded with.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, having regard to the report of the Public Works Committee, moved the resolution which was before the Council at its previous meeting, that the erection of the latrine on the site mentioned in the report be approved.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was carried.

INCREASE IN RATES

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution, under section 31 (1) of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 8 of 1901:—

"Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuation of tenements payable as rates on the under-

mentioned Lots be altered from the 1st January, 1920, as follows:—

The whole of Shaukiwan, from 10 per cent to 13 per cent, with the exception of the old village lots, and the New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 140, 154, 169, 164, 168, 173, 181, 189, 205, and 219, which may be altered from 10 per cent to 12 per cent.

The whole of Fuk Tsun Heung, with the exception of Kowloon Marine Lots Nos. 28, 29, and 33, from 12 per cent to 15 per cent.

The Tai Hang District, from 10 per cent to 15 per cent.

In moving the resolution the Colonial Secretary remarked that all the lots, with the exception of those specified, had now been supplied with fire services, which added three-quarters per cent, and water service so that they were rateable at the full amount of 13 per cent. The lots where the increase was from 10 to 12 per cent had no fire service.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the resolution was passed.

THEATRE REGULATIONS

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table Regulations made under section six of the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919.

MILITARY SERVICE REPEAL ORDINANCE, 1919.

H.E. the Governor—The Attorney-General is busy in another place and is therefore unable to move the first reading of the Bill appearing on the Orders of the Day, but this Ordinance contains nothing of legal character at all and I think, therefore, that we can dispense with his assistance in the matter. I have explained in some remarks I made to the Defence Corps, when I had the honour of inspecting them on parade, and which I caused to be published in the public press, that it was intended to reconstitute the auxiliary forces of the Colony on a voluntary basis as before. In order that it is proposed that a new Bill should be introduced early next year and meanwhile steps should be taken to consider in what way it would be best to differ from the old Volunteer Ordinance. I propose to appoint a Committee for drafting this Bill. My hon. and gallant friend, Major-General Ventura, has undertaken to preside over the Committee. The Attorney-General will assist in drafting the measure and the Commandant of the Defence Corps has been asked to be a member. I also propose to appoint representatives of the officers and of the rank and file and the Committee will be completed by a representative of the employers of those persons who may be expected to volunteer whom I have nominated. We may hope that a committee formed on those lines will enable us to draft a Volunteer Ordinance that will be most suited to the requirements of this Colony. I will now ask the Colonial Secretary to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary then moved the first reading of the Bill intitled "An Ordinance to repeal the Military Service Ordinance, 1917 and the General Military Service Ordinance, 1918."

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The "Objects and Reasons" state:—

1.—The main object of this bill is to abolish compulsory service for local defence, the necessity for which has now passed.

2.—The bill also proposes to repeal the Ordinance which introduced compulsory enrolment for service outside the Colony.

3.—When the bill becomes law those members of the Hongkong Defence Corps who were formerly members of the Hongkong Volunteer Force or Hongkong Volunteer Reserve will revert automatically to their former status and ranks in those bodies, but the Ordinances relating to those bodies will require revision and it is proposed to introduce legislation for that purpose as soon as possible.

4.—Simultaneously with the coming into operation of this bill it is proposed to issue a proclamation cancelling the enlistment of the Volunteer Corps for actual military service and also a proclamation cancelling the enlistment of the members of the Volunteer Reserve as members of those two bodies will revert to their former peace status.

5.—These proclamations will take effect from and after the 31st day of December, 1919.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY then moved the suspension of the Standing Orders in order that the Bill might be carried through all its stages at one meeting.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and this was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the second reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

H.E. the G.O.C.—I suppose the General Officer Commanding may be expected to say a few words on a Bill of this kind. The Bill itself is nothing, but it is the future about which I wish to say a few words. I shall ask permission to add one more member to the Committee which His Excellency the Governor has outlined and that will be a member to represent the men returned from active service. I think with such a representative Committee as that we shall be able to produce regulations that will be satisfactory to everyone. The Bill will be simple enough; it is the regulations which are important. The regulations of the old Defence Corps were drawn up with great care and they were taken from the territorial forces regulations. They have been found very suitable and will be well suited to any Volunteer Corps whatever. At present all I am at liberty to say is that I shall recommend that the number of drills be considerably reduced, and also the number of days at camp. I must not conclude without once more thanking the old Defence Corps for their magnificent services and I trust that at the first parade of the new Corps I shall see most of the younger men who have come to the Colony since the war. There are many who have returned who are over the ages of 31 and 32 years and will really be trained men and will require only recruits training at all, but there are a certain number of younger men who have reached the age of 20 years since the Armistice and these are the men we wish to get in as recruits. I am quite

sure they will not hang back when they see their seniors joining. I wish success to the new Corps.

The Bill was then read a second time. Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. The Bill passed through Committee without amendment and, upon Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.

The Attorney-General joined the Council when the Bill was being read a second time.

A POINT OF ORDER.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Before the Council adjourns, I should like to rise on a point of order. Your Excellency made an observation just now with regard to the practice of this Council to ask for notice of questions to be put. Now, sir, I do not for one moment dispute that it is so according to the general regulations of this Council, but it has to be remembered that this Council in the past, and it is a well known practice in the House of Commons, for members to be allowed to ask questions arising out of answers to previous questions of which notice of motion has been given. Sir, I am not speaking without some experience of the Legislative Council of this Colony when I make these remarks. I first took my seat in this Council as Acting Attorney-General so far back as February, 1896, over 23 years ago. Since then, sir, for two-thirds of my time in the Colony I have been either an official or an unofficial member of this Council. I quite realize, sir, that some supplementary questions may be difficult to answer without notice, but I do not think with all due deference, that to the supplementary question I put, it is surely quite easy for the Government to answer straight out and at once whether they did or did not communicate with the Secretary of State by telegram on this alleged offer, which, according to the recruits, was made to them when they left home, that their pay would be increased directly upon their arrival in the Colony. That was in easy question to answer and I think, sir, that in asking that supplementary question I am following the practice not only of this Council but the very well known practice which exists in the House of Commons.

H.E. the Governor—With regard to the practice of this Council, I confess I speak merely from my knowledge of the rules as they stand. If it has been the custom of this Council in the past to ignore those rules I submit that it is time the custom was abolished. The hon. member refers to the practice in the House of Commons and there are many things in the House of Commons we do not follow and many things we wisely do not follow and this, I think, is one of them. I have had experience of other Colonies and, in no case, to my knowledge are supplementary questions taken without notice.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY presided at the meeting of the Finance Committee.

EXAMINATION SHEETS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three thousand dollars in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (24) Miscellaneous Works.

The CHAIRMAN—This vote is required for the various examination sheets which have been erected on the Praya.

The vote was agreed to.

IRON BUNKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars in aid of the Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police, Other Charges, Iron Bunks.

The CHAIRMAN—These bunks are to replace the unsatisfactory wooden benches at the Police Station. The iron bunks, which are double bunks, cost \$55 each. In March 20 these were contracted for and were so successful that it was decided to construct 15 more, making 35 in all.

The vote was agreed to.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand dollars in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Latrines and Urinals: Erection of a Latrine in Duddell Street.

The CHAIRMAN—The Sanitary Board made certain recommendations upon the subject of the insanitary condition of the lanes in the neighbourhood of Duddell Street, and it was decided to erect this latrine in the hope of effecting an improvement.

The vote was agreed to.

LAUNCH REPAIRS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand three hundred and twenty dollars in aid of the Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police, Other Charges, Launches and Boats: Repairs.

The vote was agreed to.

PAVING WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five thousand dollars in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Water Works, (28) Miscellaneous Water Works.

The CHAIRMAN—Four thousand dollars of this vote are required for the new fire main at Shaukiwan East. The estimate was prepared in 1917. The cost was increased by about \$500 owing to the necessity of carrying the pipe line across the bay at Shaukiwan on wooden piles and brick piers.

The vote was agreed to.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seven hundred dollars in aid of the following votes:—

Medical Department:—

Civil Hospital, Other Charges:—

Fuel and Light, \$900.00

Office of Health Officer of Port, Other Charges:—

Laundries, Stores, 100.00

Total, \$7,700.00

THE CHAIRMAN—The first item is due to the addition of a new ward at the Civil Hospital and to the increase in the price of coal. The launch of the Health Officer of the Port is in a bad condition and requires a larger expenditure under the heading of stores to keep it going.

The vote was agreed to.

SALARIES ALLOWANCES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and forty thousand dollars on account of Miscellaneous Services, Special Allowance on Salaries.

The CHAIRMAN—This sum is for allowances made in connection with salaries. The allowances are made up of various items. The rent allowances for subordinate officers of the Service comes to \$18,000. The special allowance of 20 per cent. less ten per cent. comes to \$148,000 and the special allowance of ten per cent. on salaries for the whole service to \$240,000 making \$437,000 in all. Two hundred thousand have already been voted leaving a balance of \$237,000. The vote is for \$240,000 in order to be on the right side.

The vote was agreed to.

CHARITABLE SERVICES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seven hundred dollars in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Other Charitable Allowances.

The CHAIRMAN—Small sums have been given on a regular scale to the widows of certain subordinate members of the Service who had no claim on the Widows and Orphans Fund.

The vote was agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of sixty-nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the following votes:

Miscellaneous Service:—
New Government Offices:—
Electric Fans and Light \$3,400.00
Lifts' Maintenance 350.00
Printing and Binding:—
Miscellaneous Papers 8,000.00
Ordnances, Regulations, Circulars, and Reports 500.00
Stationery 15,000.00
Transport of Government Servants 40,000.00
Total \$69,250.00

The CHAIRMAN—There has been such a great increase in the cost of stationery that our estimate was quite upset. The amount for transportation is to pay for the passages of the men returning from active service.

The vote was agreed to.

HOUSE FOR INDIAN POLICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three hundred dollars in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Purchase of the Superstructure of house No. 195, Sheung Shui, for the occupation of Indian Police.

The CHAIRMAN—This is to buy a small house close to the Police Station at Sheung Shui to accommodate the extra Indian police.

The vote was agreed to.

ECHO OF THE TYPHOON DISASTER.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five hundred dollars on account of Charitable Services, Charitable Grant to Leung Yung.

The CHAIRMAN—H.E. the Governor has requested me to bring this case specially to the notice of the Finance Committee. In the typhoon last August many small craft in the harbor, as is known, were destroyed. The Tang Wah hospital, out of its Emergency Fund, paid various sums to many of the poor people who lost their boats. Seven members of Leung Yung's family and twelve of his wife's were drowned. The cost of his boat and the articles in it was estimated at no less than \$12,000. The Tang Wah hospital directors decided to give \$500 to the man and thought it was a case where they might ask the Government to give another \$500, making \$1,000 in all which would enable the man to begin his old life again as a deep sea fisherman. His Excellency wished the Committee to give the subject their unbiased consideration and, if approved, the \$500 would be paid.

The vote was agreed to.

THE ROAD ROUND THE ISLAND.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (13) Roads: (e) Tytam Gap to Shaikwan, Improving existing road.

The CHAIRMAN—The making of the road from Shaikwan to Tytam Gap has been a more expensive business than was anticipated. The expenditure up to the middle of November was \$33,000. A good deal of extra expense was caused by taking up the water mains and the whole surface has had to be treated with asphaltum. The estimates for the current year provided for \$30,000 and the estimates for 1920 for \$14,000. Practically the whole of the work will be completed this year and a balance of \$27,000 is required so that the work may be pushed on and the road round the island completed.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—When will that road be finished?

The CHAIRMAN—Within a couple of weeks time.

The vote was agreed to.

POTENTIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five hundred dollars in aid of the vote Potential and Forestry Department, Other Charges, Brushwood Clearing.

The CHAIRMAN—This is to repair damage caused by the typhoon.

The vote was agreed to.

MORE LIGHT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the following votes:

Imports and Exports Department, Other Charges:—
Electric Fans and Light \$150.00
Launch: Repairs 100.00
Total \$250.00

The vote was agreed to.

QUARTERS FOR CHINESE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand two hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, (3) Tatham Tuk Pumping Station, Additional Quarters for Chinese Staff.

The CHAIRMAN—The cost of this work for the pumping station was under estimated. More accommodation had to be provided.

The vote was agreed to.

KOWLOON RAILWAY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand nine hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty-seven cents in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Grinding Machine for Workshop.

The CHAIRMAN—This is a re-vote from the year previous. This particular grinding machine was not delivered until this year.

The vote was agreed to.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars in aid of the following votes:

Kowloon Canton Railway:—
Locomotive, Carriage, and Wagon Expenses, Other Charges:—
Coal \$13,000.00
Fanning Branch Line, Other Charges:—
Coal 700.00
Total \$13,700.00

The CHAIRMAN—The consumption of coal has been larger than was expected. An extra train is running each day and in the Fanning branch line the train is now running as a tram and more coal is used for the frequent stoppings and startings.

The vote was agreed to.

FURNITURE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of fifty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A—Police, Other Charges, Furniture, Repairs and Renewals.

The CHAIRMAN—This is required in pursuance of the new policy of providing the necessary heavy furniture for the officers in charge of police stations, the cost not to exceed \$350 per station. This will avoid the heavy expense of moving private furniture about every time an officer is moved from one station to another and thus the money of the transport vote will be saved.

The vote was agreed to.

PRISON CHARGES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars in aid of the following votes:

Police and Prison Departments, C—Prison, Other Charges:—
Clothing for Prisoners \$300.00
Executioner's Fees 50.00
Incidental Expenses 250.00
Materials for Repairs and Renewals 200.00
Photography 75.00
Total \$775.00

The CHAIRMAN—This sum is required owing to the large increase in the number of prisoners.

The vote was agreed to.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three thousand dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, C—Prison, Other Charges, Subsistence of Prisoners.

The CHAIRMAN—This vote is required for the same reason as the previous one.

The vote was agreed to.

PUMPING AT TYTAM TUK.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of forty thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works, (19) Maintenance of City and Hill District.

The CHAIRMAN—This amount is almost entirely due to the fact that pumping at Tytam Tuk was commenced two months earlier than last year. It is considered desirable now to keep more water continuously in the gravitation reservoir at Tytam than formerly and pumping was started earlier in order that that plan might be carried out. The rainfall has been considerably less this year than last. The increased expenditure on coal alone for pumping is \$30,000.

The vote was agreed to.

WATER WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four thousand dollars in aid of the following votes:

Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon:—
Water Works:—
(35) Maintenance of Water Works \$3,000.00
(36) Water Account (Meters etc.) 1,000.00
Total \$4,000.00

The CHAIRMAN—This money is for various repairs to the water works at Kowloon. The maintenance charges have increased generally and there has been an increase in the consumption of water. It is estimated that the consumption in Kowloon will be forty million gallons at the end of this year. The repair work on the meters had to be held in abeyance very largely during the war.

The vote was agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote of three thousand eight hundred dollars in aid of the following votes:

Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories:—
Miscellaneous:—
(45) Typhoon and Rain-storm Damages \$3,000.00
Water Works:—
(46) Maintenance of Lai-chikok 800.00
Total \$3,800.00

The CHAIRMAN—Under the first heading the original estimated expenditure was \$7,000. A sum of \$3,500 was voted and now \$3,000 is asked for.

The vote was agreed to.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand six hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Buildings, (1) Maintenance of Buildings.

The vote was agreed to.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Establishment, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

The vote was agreed to.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of eight hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works, (22) Water Account, (Meters, etc.).

The CHAIRMAN—As I explained previously the renewal of meter parts had to stand over owing to the war. Now the work is being put in hand.

The vote was agreed to.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand two hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (34) Miscellaneous Works.

The CHAIRMAN—This vote comprises some small items for which no provision was made.

The vote was agreed to.

DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE RAIN.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, (34) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages.

The CHAIRMAN—The damage to road surfaces caused by the rain was very heavy this year.

The vote was agreed to.

DRAINAGE WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three thousand five hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Drainage, (34) Miscellaneous Drainage Works.

The CHAIRMAN—This expenditure has been incurred in the drainage work in connection with new buildings erected this year.

The vote was agreed to.

LUGARD ROAD.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of six thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (13) Roads: (7) Lugard Road Extension.

The CHAIRMAN—It has been decided to carry on the extension of Lugard Road in spite of difficulties and obstacles. It is a better road than was anticipated.

The vote was agreed to.

BOUNDARY STONES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of six hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (23) Boundary Stones.

The vote was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ANALYST.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the vote Medical Department, B—Hospitals and Asylums, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

The CHAIRMAN—This expense was incurred in moving certain fixtures belonging to the Government Analyst who was turned out of his quarters because those quarters were required for the extension of the Sisters' quarters at the hospital and for certain improvements. The Government paid for the removal and for replacing the articles in the new quarters proved for the analyst.

The vote was agreed to.

PASSAGES AND BOUNTIES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of twelve thousand six hundred and sixty dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A—Police, Other Charges, Passages, and Bounties in lieu of Passages.

The CHAIRMAN—Owing to the war and the shortage of staff the pernicious system of paying bonuses to the police instead of allowing them to go on leave had to be continued in full vigour and very considerable sums were spent on bonuses instead of passages. There were also payments for some passages and this vote is required to meet this expenditure. We are hoping that this system of paying bonuses in lieu of passages will soon come to an end.

The vote was agreed to.

REPAIRS TO POLICE LAUNCH.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four hundred and seventy-seven dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A—Police, Other Charges, Launches and Boats: Repairs.

The CHAIRMAN—These are urgent repairs to No. 10 Police launch.

The vote was agreed to.

PURCHASE OF STEAM LAUNCH.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, Purchase of Steam Launch "Blackhead."

The CHAIRMAN—During the typhoon in August the police launch was wrecked and when the "Blackhead" was put up for auction by the Custodian the Government decided to bid. The launch was secured at a comparatively low price.

The vote was agreed to.

INCIDENTALS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty-five cents in aid of the following votes:

Education, A—Department of Director of Education, Other Charges:—
Incidental Expenses \$ 28.25
Ellis Kadoorie School:—
Prizes 101.61
Kowloon British School:—
Incidental Expenses 80.75
Victoria British School:—
Incidental Expenses 73.94
Total \$284.45

The vote was agreed to.

LEGAL EXPENSES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred dollars in aid of the vote Crown Solicitor's Office, Other Charges, Extra Legal Expenses.

The CHAIRMAN—This was Counsel's fee in a difficult murder case.

The vote was agreed to.

EXHUMATION AT KAI LUNG WAN CEMETERY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four thousand seven hundred and forty-six dollars in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, Exhumation at the Kai Lung Wan Cemetery.

The CHAIRMAN—It was decided to carry through the work this year and the vote is short of this amount asked for.

The vote was agreed to.

COLONIAL SECRETARIAT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seventy-five dollars in aid of the vote Colonial Secretary's Department, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

The CHAIRMAN—This is the payment to a temporary clerk.

The vote was agreed to.

SHAUKWAN POLICE STATION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of nine hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Additions and Alterations to Shaikwan Police Station.

The CHAIRMAN—There was more brickwork than was estimated would be the case.

The vote was agreed to.

FURNITURE FOR "LYSBOLT."

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Furniture for "Lysbolt," The Peak:—
Furniture \$2,750.50
Valuers' Fee 75.00
Total \$2,825.50

The CHAIRMAN—The necessary heavy furniture in this house has been bought by the Government. Rent was being charged on it.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I would suggest that the name of the house be changed. I do not know why the Chief Justice's official residence should be called "Lysbolt."

The CHAIRMAN—I will make a note of the suggestion.

The vote was agreed to.

NEW ROAD ON THE PEAK.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (13) Roads: (7) Road contouring Mt. Gough from Findlay Road to Gough Hill Road.

The CHAIRMAN—This road is being constructed under considerable difficulties. There is a large amount of masonry work. It is a very good road passing round Mount Gough where the new Government quarters are to be built.

The vote was agreed to.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand three hundred dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, (9) Lunatic Asylum, Extension.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I have referred more than once to the Lunatic Asylum in this Committee and I will say again that it is a very bad building on an unsuitable site. One of the objects of a Lunatic Asylum is to aid the recovery of the inmates and the construction and situation of this asylum do not help towards this end.

The CHAIRMAN—I think it is a mistake calling it a Lunatic Asylum. It is in no way pretended that it fulfils all the conditions.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—All sorts of people go in there. A man suffering from delirium tremens is taken to the asylum.

The CHAIRMAN—I hope the time will come when we shall not need such places.

The vote was agreed to.

DEEP WATER BAY TO REGULAR BAY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand dollars in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads: Deep Water Bay to Tytam Tuk Road, Improvement to section from Deep Water Bay to Regula Bay.

The CHAIRMAN—This is due largely to the asphaltum work which had to be done.

The vote was agreed to.

NEW MOTOR BOAT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seven thousand six hundred dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A—Police, Other Charges, Purchase of a Motor Boat.

The CHAIRMAN—This is for the purchase of a motor boat to take the place of the old pinnaces which have been sold.

The vote was agreed to.

POLICE CHARGES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four thousand six hundred dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A—Police, Other Charges:—
Bedding and Mess Utensils \$150.00
Clothing and Accoutrements 1,250.00
Coolie Hire 75.00
Repairs: Launches and Boats 1,250.00
Light and Electric Fans 1,375.00
Secret Service 435.00
Stationery, Newspapers and Telegrams 30.00
Total \$4,600.00

The vote was agreed to.

VIET MIGRANT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five hundred and fifty dollars in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, B—Fire Brigade, Other Charges:—
Clothing \$180.00
Repairs to Engines and Plants 70.00
Stores 300.00
Total \$550.00

The vote was agreed to.

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THE question having arisen as to whether "Fishing" should be included in this CUP, together with "Shooting" and "Hunting" in the forthcoming RACE MEETING, the undersigned of the Press are requested to attend at the Office of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 29th day of DECEMBER, 1919, at 5.15 P.M. to consider the matter and arrive at a decision.

JOHNSON, BOKES & MASTER.
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FOOTBALL FOR FRANCE.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H.M.H. NEMAZEE.

FROM PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer

"HALVARD"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, where, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by December 30th, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Dec. 25th, at 10 A.M. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by H. M. H. NEMAZEE.
Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1713

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "WEST CADDOA" VOY 1-OUT.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA SEANGHAI.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo will be landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, where, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit, signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.
All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Dec. 25th, at 10 A.M. and Dec. 26th, at 10 A.M.
All Claims must be presented within a week of the Steamer's arrival, after which no claim will be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after Dec. 25th, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.
Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
As Operators, U.S. S.H. P. & CO. BOARD.
Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1715

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"RADENIA"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, where they will be examined on Dec. 25th, at 10 A.M. and Dec. 26th, at 10 A.M.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice is given prior to the Steamer's arrival.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1716

STROTHERS & DIXON, (INC.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM "BATTLE"

THE Steamship

"BRAVEBOUVER"

having arrived from Seattle via ports, on December 23rd, 1919, Consignees are hereby notified that the Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on Dec. 25th, at 10 A.M. and Dec. 26th, at 10 A.M.
All Claims must be presented within thirty days of the Steamer's arrival, after which they will not be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after Dec. 25th, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.
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Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1717

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART

MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BELAWAN DELI, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer

"VAN WAZZUYCK"

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by J. VAN CHINA-SARAN LUN.
Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1718

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. S. K.

BRITISH MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATIONS.

TAKING RESOLUTION FOR THE MUNICIPAL SUPPLY.

THE Council for the Municipal Supply of Water for the City of Hongkong, in pursuance of the provisions of the Waterworks Ordinance, No. 1 of 1912, in connection with the application for the extension of the water supply to the New Territories, has resolved that the whole or part of any Tender, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender or to pay any expenses which the Tenderer may incur in tendering.

By Order,
J. E. LYNES,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Town Hall, December 17th, 1919. 1719

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 3 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transmission of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 26th and 27th, 1919.
Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1720

G. S. K.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS DEPARTMENT will be entirely CLOSED on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1919, and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1919. It will be OPEN for all purposes on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1919, and on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 29th and 30th, 1919, and J. E. LYNES, Secretary.

Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

C. W. RECKWITH,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, December 16th, 1919. 1721

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TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the above-named ship with Engines and Boilers and various machinery on board.
Full particulars of the ship and conditions of sale may be obtained on application to the undersigned, or to the British Naval Agent at Shanghai or to the British Naval General Staff Officer at Singapore. Permits to view the ship and forms of tender on application only to the undersigned.
A deposit is required before forms of tender can be issued.
The vessel will be on view from the first to the 31st January, 1920, inclusive, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and tenders must reach the Commodore's Office, Hongkong, not later than 12 Noon on MONDAY, February 16th, 1920.
Length between Perpendiculars—250ft. 3in.
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H. G. LOWE,
Naval Stores Officer,
Hongkong, 1919. 1722

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer

"INKAMINCKA"

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Hongkong, December 23rd, 1919. 1724

ENTERTAINMENT

WINE & SPIRITS

ASSORTED CASES FOR XMAS.

Case No. 1—\$22.

1 Bot. St. Estephe Claret.
1 Bot. Douro Port.
1 Bot. Light Dry Sherry.
1 Bot. Brandy Superior Pale.
1 Bot. "J.E." Whisky.
1 Bot. Spey Royal Whisky.

Case No. 2—\$28.

1 Bot. St. Emilion Champagne.
1 Bot. St. Estephe Claret.
1 Bot. Light Dry Sherry.
1 Bot. Old Tawny Port.
1 Bot. Brandy Superior Pale.
1 Bot. "J.E." Whisky.
1 Bot. Dewar White Label Whisky.
1 Bot. Spey Royal Whisky.
1 Bot. Orange Brand, M.B.R.

Case No. 3—\$32.

1 Bot. St. Emilion Champagne.
1 Bot. Very Pale Dry Sherry.
1 Bot. Estrella Port.
1 Bot. Light Dry Sherry.
1 Bot. "J.E." Brandy.
1 Bot. Dry Gin.
1 Bot. "J.E." Whisky.
1 Bot. Dewar White Label Whisky.
1 Bot. Spey Royal Whisky.
1 Bot. Apricot Brandy M.B.R.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23rd, 1919.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

Politics in China would seem at the moment to be unusually dull and uninteresting, but to those who have any knowledge of what is proceeding under the surface it is evident that a desperate struggle is being waged between strong parties—each contending for an open policy which will reveal to the public its actions and intentions; the other contending for the secrecy and intrigue which permit the corruption that permeates practically the entire administration of the country. Parties whose organization is the Anfu Club are fighting with all their might to get certain of their members included in the Cabinet or given other posts, and the Premier is reacting with a vigor which has been weakened since he took up his heavy burden by the unexpected success of his chief political opponent, "Little Hsu," who returned from Urumqi as the triumphant negotiator of the union with Mongolia. Exactly what role General Hsu Sav-oung intends to play is not very clear. He is greedy for power. Having been given practically carte blanche with respect to Outer Mongolia—command of the best trained troops in China, with full authority to reorganize and develop that territory—it would appear as if he means to establish himself at Urumqi, whence, after having consolidated his power and his position, he would be able to dominate the councils of Peking in much the same way as CHANG TUNG does from Mukden. To do this involves absence from Peking, and there is just the danger that his opponents may bring about a political combination which may defeat his ambitious schemes. "Little Hsu" is indeed a power in the land today. It was his appearance upon the political stage in Peking that galvanized the Anfu Club into renewed life and prevented the Premier from ridding the country of this pernicious collection of right-wing politicians. His influence is felt in every circle in Peking. It is through him that the Japanese are able to gain access to Chinese ears, and, after explaining that the Westerners talk much but do little, add that they are prepared to afford China all the financial accommodation she needs. The older type of official is impressed. To him foreign loans entailing supervision of their distribution are very disagreeable. Anglo-Saxons cannot understand why it is that the Chinese seem to be so well disposed towards them as to ask freely for all kinds of favours, and yet have this not-so-publicly expressed sentiment for the Japanese. Various people assign various reasons for this anomaly, the existence of which cannot be doubted. Of course, it must be understood that these remarks apply only to official circles. A large section of the people has been roused against the Japanese as never before—not even during the war of nearly a quarter of a century ago—and this sense of grievance is likely to intensify rather than diminish with the passing of time. This, however, is a digression. As the American loan involved supervision it was repugnant to many, but those who are alive to the true interests of the nation recognize that supervision is necessary in order to restore the finances of the country and place them upon a sound basis. The appointment of LI SHENG-SHAO as Minister of Finance, against the wishes of the Premier, is an indication of the strength of the Anfu party and all that it represents. Li himself has also forced the Government to grant leave of absence to the Vice-Minister of Finance who was appointed without consulting him. Had CHOW TSI-CHANG been elected Minister of Finance it would have been regarded as a victory for the more enlightened school. As it is, the latter have had to give ground, and it is feared that the Premier may be forced out of office before the advent of the New Year, in which event it is prognosticated that LI SHENG-SHAO will become Premier—rapid promotion indeed, from a Vice-Minister to Prime Minister in three months. But CHEN YUNG-SHANG has not yet resigned. He is a strong man and a stubborn fighter. Interesting developments may be expected before he goes out of office.

The Imports and Exports Department will not be open on Sunday morning after December 28th, for the issue of permits.

Four cases (two deaths) of diphtheria, three cases (one death), and two cases (two deaths) of cerebro-spinal fever were reported in the Colony during the week which ended on Saturday.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

THE LATE MR. CHAN KAI-MING.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday. Mr. A. Gibson (Chairman) presiding. Others present were the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. S. W. Tso, Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.) and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds.

Before the business commenced, the Chairman said:—"This is the first meeting of the Board since the death of Mr. Chan Kai-ming and you would, I am sure, desire that I should refer to the great loss suffered by the community in general and by ourselves as members of the Board through this sad event. He had, for many years, been actively associated with us. At the time of his death, as the senior Chinese member, he was taking a full share in the consideration of those special problems which engage our attention. His wide experience of the affairs of the Colony, his sound common sense and practical judgment were, at all times, cheerfully placed at our disposal. Whatever progress has resulted from our activities, the advance may be traced in no small degree to the loyal support which he ever extended to the Board and its officers.

"The work done by the members of the Sanitary Board is not all done in the public eye. Not the least useful of Mr. Chan Kai-ming's services were performed behind the scenes and unostentatiously, and were perhaps even more valuable on that account. The story of his life furnishes an example of a successful business career, combined with a keen, active and discerning interest in public affairs. I beg, therefore, to move that the Board records in the minutes its sense of the loss sustained through the death of Mr. Chan Kai-ming, and expresses its sympathy with his family and friends in their bereavement.

The vote was carried in silence, all those present standing.

HEALTH REPORTS FROM THE COAST PORTS.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, in moving the resolution "That the Board recommends that all Health Returns received by the Government from neighbouring Coast Ports be circulated for the information of the Board," said that these reports which came to the Government were not circulated to the Board, with the exception of those for Shanghai and Hankow.

The members of the Board, therefore, had no knowledge, except through the newspapers, of the incidence of communicable diseases in those ports. It was, he thought, necessary that the Board should have this information, so that they could obtain knowledge of the steps being taken to guard against the spread of disease—and for the preservation of public health generally.

Mr. ALABASTER seconded. He said it was obvious that the Board should be placed in possession of all information, which the Government received, of this nature.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Government received these reports, and the recommendation of the Board would go a long way towards persuading them to send the reports to the Board. The motion was carried unanimously.

CUNNING OF THE RAT.

Rat week has not been without its successes and humours in England. The Board of Agriculture is pleased with the results of the campaign, and may organize more before the end of winter. The Rat Bill is down for second reading, and no opposition is expected in the House of Commons.
The cunning displayed by rats is illustrated by the experience of a Rat (Havardshire) trademark. No rat's trap which was properly baited, overnight, but when he looked for the catch in the morning he found that although taken, it was sprung and thrown back into the jaws to prevent them from closing. The wood had distinct marks of a rat's teeth.
"Clayton" sulphuric gas was used in the Board of Agriculture experiments at the rat hunt at a Dollis Hill farm, but the manufacturers' contract the statement that the gas exploded if it comes in contact with light.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]

SITUATION IN TURKEY.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING GROWING.

LONDON, December 18th.

It is reported that the situation in Turkey is becoming worse. The Cabinet is much influenced by the Nationalists, with the result that the Province are becoming increasingly independent. Anti-British feeling is growing.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS.

GOVERNMENT APPEALING AGAINST SANKEY DECISION.

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Sir Auckland Geddes stated that the Government had appealed against the Sankey judgment in the case mentioned yesterday.

Early next session, the Government would submit legislation on the lines of the Anti-Dumping Bill. Meanwhile the Customs had been instructed to allow the importation of all articles affected.

EMBARGO SYSTEM BLOWN SKY-HIGH.

LONDON, December 18th.

Mr. Justice Sankey's decision was on a test case by the Manchester chemical manufacturers for the seizure of a consignment of pyrogallic acid. An embargo proclamation was made in June, but the restrictions were withdrawn on September 1st, except as regards materials for key industries. It is the latter which are now declared illegal.

If Mr. Justice Sankey's decision is upheld by the House of Lords, it will be necessary to introduce a Bill in 1920 indemnifying the Government seizures of goods under proclamation. The decision has delighted the Free Traders.

Sir John Simon, interviewed, said that the whole embargo system had been blown sky-high.

A CHURCH AMALGAMATION

NEW LEGISLATION NECESSARY.

LONDON, December 18th.

A Special Commission of the General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland decided, in Edinburgh, yesterday, to approach the Government as regards legislation necessary for the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church.

THE WAR ON BOLSHEVISM

SOVIET TERMS TO THE BALTIC STATES.

LONDON, December 18th.

A semi-official statement says that the Bolsheviks are concentrating their troops east of Narovo for their impending offensive.

It is stated that amongst the peace terms submitted by the Soviet to the Baltic States was the breaking off of relations with all States warring with the Soviet and the expulsion of foreign warships from the Northern Baltic.

The Red advance in South Russia has averaged 50 miles in the past week. They are advancing in East Russia unchecked. The Bolsheviks claim to have captured Novonikolaiev, and taken 50 men and guns.

THE "RIVER CLYDE."

TO BE PRESERVED AS A NATIONAL RELIC.

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Earl Winterton, Mr. Lloyd George said that the famous steamer *River Clyde* was lying in Malta very badly damaged. The Government had decided that the enormous expense of repairing her and bringing her to England was unjustifiable. He promised to consider the question of preserving her at Malta as a national relic.

AUSTRIA.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S DECISION.

PARIS, December 18th.

The Supreme Council has informed Dr. Renner that in view of the agitation in Vorarlberg, Salzburg and the Tyrol for self-determination, the Allies will oppose any attempt, contrary to the St. Germain Treaty, to compromise the political or economic independence of Austria.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

ANOTHER OVATION IN THE CITY.

LONDON, December 18th.

The Prince of Wales was accorded a great reception in the City this morning, when he went to the Guildhall to receive an address of congratulation on the success of his visit to Canada and the United States. Large crowds cheered the Prince as he drove through the beflagged streets from York House.

The Guildhall was crowded with a large and distinguished gathering, including several Royalties, Lord and Lady Haig, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Lord Curzon, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Chamberlain and other members of the Government, Mr. and Mrs. Asquith, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the High Commissioner of Canada and the American Ambassador.

At the Guildhall, the Recorder read an Address congratulating the Prince on having, by his unremitting efforts, natural dignity and courtesy, greatly strengthened the ties binding Canada and Britain in loyal attachment to the throne and the Empire, and establishing a new bond of friendship between Britons and Americans.

The Prince, who was cheered loudly and long, said he was deeply grateful for the very cordial welcome, and the congratulations, which latter were far too warm.

He paid a tribute to the Dominion's splendid part in the war. His mission to Canada and the United States had been undertaken with the keenest pleasure, and the warmth of his welcome in Newfoundland had followed him all through the tour.

He had also greatly enjoyed his first visit to the United States and deeply appreciated the cordiality with which he was entertained at Washington and New York.

The Prince subsequently had lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.

AMERICA'S ALIENS.

DRASTIC PRECAUTIONS.

The chief object of the Alien Immigration Bill, which passed the House of Representatives on October 17th, is to keep out of the States for a year after the formal declaration of peace the flood of Germans who are said to be awaiting the first chance to come here, and thousands of extremist agitators from Continental Europe who expect to find great scope here for their revolutionary plans. If the bill becomes law it will in many ways restrict the movements of a reputable class of Allied or neutral countries, either for a short period or a protracted stay.

American labour is naturally rejoicing over the prospect of another year of labour shortage, and, as the average wage will not be the unskilled manual labourer for a livelihood, the United States is likely to be a gold mine for those foreigners already here who do not distrust the sweat of their brows.

There is not much doubt that the Senate will approve the action of the Lower House. The law may be revoked, however, at any time during the year of its enforcement at the discretion of the President. It is hardly likely that it will ever again be so easy for immigrants to enter the United States as it was in pre-war days, and there is already before Congress a bill to eliminate the great foreign population of the country by requiring all aliens to learn English five years after landing, and forcing them to apply for naturalisation papers during that period, or be deported at its expiration. The applications for the final papers of citizenship will have to be examined by a judge in the language on their view of the United States Government. Employers of foreign labour will be required to give one hour's instruction in English daily for six months, and all children of foreigners must be educated in an English-speaking school and taught the English language.

YESTERDAY'S WEDDING.

MR. SIDNEY EVANS-MISS VIDA GRIMBLE.

A LARGE GATHERING PRESENT.

The bells of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, pealed merrily yesterday morning, when Mr. Sidney Evans, Deputy Ordnance Store Officer, Hongkong Naval Dockyard, was married to Miss Vida Ellis Grimble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Grimble, of Hongkong. Mr. Evans, who has been five years in the Colony and is now on the eve of transfer home, is as popular as his bride, whose great charm of manner has won her many friends. Her success in the staging of "The Barton Mystery" is still well remembered, while the charming water-colour studies she exhibited at the Sketch Club exhibition of 1918 raised her to the front rank of Hongkong's promising amateurs. Her father is a lifelong resident of the Colony. It was not strange, therefore, that yesterday's ceremony was largely attended.

The Church had been decorated very tastefully by the friends of the bride, and it was generally recognised that the sacred edifice had seldom looked better. The ceremony was fixed for noon, and by that time the Cathedral was comfortably filled with a fashionable gathering. The bride was conducted into the Church by her father, who gave her away. The hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" was sung as a processional, the choir being in attendance. The Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, assisted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, conducted the ceremony, at the conclusion of which the hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung. After the newly married couple had signed the register, Mr. J. W. White, who presided at the organ, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and Mr. and Mrs. Evans left the Church for the Hongkong Hotel, where a reception was held.

The bride's dress was of white tulle with a silver girdle, and was trimmed with orange blossoms. The white brocade and orange train was trimmed with orange blossoms, which also bound the conventional tulle veil to her hair. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums with asparagus fern and maidenhair. The bridesmaids, Miss Shirley Gurner and Miss Doris Grimble, the bride's younger sister, wore bouillon d'or coloured chameuse and georgette dresses, with brown velvet hats and shoes and stockings to match. Their bouquets were of bronze-coloured chrysanthemums and maidenhair. Little Miss Betty Kennet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kennet, made a winsome little flower girl in an embroidered net frock and a white bonnet. Mr. Evans was attended by Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R., as best man.

The reception room at the Hotel was uncomfortably crowded, so numerous were the guests. Delf fingers had been at work with a multitude of white flowers, and the place was pleasantly transformed. A huge bell of flowers hung at one end of the hall, and under it stood the bride and bridegroom to receive the congratulations of their friends. The cake, having been cut and served round by the bridesmaids, and the guests having charged their glasses, Commodore Gunner proposed the toast of the newly married couple in a brief speech. He said that there were many in the room who knew the bride longer than he did, but there could be very few who appreciated her real worth as he did, and there were none who admired her more than he did. It would sum up his own feelings, and the sentiment was one in which they would all agree, if he said that the bridegroom was a particularly lucky fellow. As for the bridegroom, Commodore Gunner said he had known him for some time. (Laughter.) There were perhaps many in the room, especially among the ladies, who did not know the bridegroom so well as he did, because he had only recently been taking an interest in society, but there was one thing he would tell them, and it was this, since the bridegroom had begun to take an interest in society, it had spoiled his golf, and he was now a rotten golfer. (Laughter.) He hoped that when his wife took him in hand, he would again get back his old form. He asked those present to drink to the health and lasting prosperity and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

Mr. Evans, replying, said that he had been in a state of nervousness for the past three weeks at the thought that he would have to make a speech. The experience that he had undergone during the past hour had completely driven out of his

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CORRESPONDENCE.

COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I was much interested in reading "Oldest Inhabitant's" letter in a recent issue of your paper, although she I suppose it is a lady, since she seems to know all about hairpins—has taken the title which I thought belonged to me, for I cordially agree with the writer and with "The Scribbler" that it would be a good plan to start a "Comrades of the Great War" branch in Hongkong.

How is this to be done? Would it not be well to ask those men in the various Services represented in Hongkong, but especially those now returned to civil life, who served in any capacity in the Great War, to send in their names to you preparatory to calling a meeting to discuss plans? In all the newly-arrived Ships and Regiments, the Civil Service, the Police, and in the business houses, as well as the professional offices, are men who have taken some part in their country's service. Would it not be instructive to us to have a short history of each man's record published in groups of 10 or 12 from day to day in the local Press? Nor should we forget the Glorious Dead from this Colony, of whose supreme sacrifice no public record seems to exist. There is not here even the Roll of Honour displayed which every parish church in England shows; and on the day upon which we commemorated the Dead no list of names (except those in our hearts) was available.—Yours, etc.,

H. T.

December 23rd, 1919.

head what little he had to say. To the Commodore he expressed thanks, on behalf of his wife and himself, for what he had said. He thanked the bridesmaids for the charming and arduous manner in which they had performed their duties, and also all those present for having come there to congratulate him and his wife. (Applause.)

Half an hour was spent in the usual social amenities, the while the Hotel orchestra played selections. The newly married couple left to the accompaniment of much cheering. Mrs. Evans wore a handsome lawn garden dress, and a beige velvet hat. Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who were the recipients of a very large number of handsome presents, leave for home on the *Empress of Russia* to-morrow.

Amongst those present were the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Commodore and Mrs. Gunner, Miss D. Gurner, Mr. and Mrs. F. Maitland, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gordon and the Misses Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Avoct, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. P. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mr. and Mrs. Benthurst, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor and Miss Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Falconer, Mrs. Taggart, Mrs. Chatham, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Chatham, Mrs. T. Arthur, Mrs. Hepessey Beth, Mrs. A. Schib, Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. R. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Harston, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moxon, Miss Moxon, Lieut. G. C. Moxon, Miss Kilgour, Miss Leith, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kennet, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Moorhead, Miss Moorhead, Colonel and Mrs. Young, Miss Young, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smythe, Mr. and Mrs. E. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Anderson, Pay-Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Holborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miss E. E. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Tse Yan, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wells, Lieut. Col. Coleman, Major Leslie Smith, Major Ardoin, Capt. Murray, Lieut. McConnell, Lieut. Col. Mayhew, Surg-Lieut. Cockram, Lieut. Franks, Lieut. Casswell, Lieut. Moncrieff, Lieut. Johnston, Pay-Lieut. Robinson, Messrs. G. W. Bickton, Holmes Scott, W. Sinclair, A. C. Leith, E. Longmore, B. E. Grimstone, C. B. Gubbay, Bulmer Johnson, G. Layton, Owen Hughes and many others.

MOTOR BANDITS IN COURT.

PRISONERS SHOT AT EUROPEAN DETECTIVES.

The hearing was continued yesterday in Mr. J. R. Wood's Court, of the case in which In Sui Ping, Na Wai and Chuen Sing are charged with (1) armed robbery in No. 40, Des Voeux Road on November 26th and stealing \$5,700; (2) with killing P.-c. 805, Lang Pui; (3) with killing Lau Cho; (4) with killing Wo Cheuk; (5) with shooting at P.-c. Bag Kheer Deen, with intent to murder; (6) with shooting at P.-c. 48, Li King Yau, with intent to murder; (7) with shooting at L.S.A. 113, A. Clark, with intent to murder; (8) with wounding P.-c. 48, Li King Yau.

Mr. Leq Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Inspector Macdonald said that at 1.30 p.m., on November 26th, he was sitting in the verandah of his quarters at No. 7 Police Station when he saw motor-car 89 draw up and stop near the station. The driver shouted out something in broken English, like the word "Men." Witness went out and saw the driver, who appeared to be somewhat excited. Through the interpreter, witness understood, the chauffeur to say that there was a robbery near the Ro Shing Theatre and that the robbers were there still. Witness called out the detectives and Sergeant Payne, who was in the charge-room. Witness also instructed the telephone-clerk to warn the various police stations. Witness next got into the car with the other detectives and ordered the chauffeur to take him to the scene of the robbery.

Witness was taken to No. 80, Des Voeux Road West, where he found the shop in disorder. He asked the man where the robbers were, and the man in the shop replied the robbers had gone away. Sergeant Clark informed witness that the chauffeur had told him that the robbers had gone by way of Holland Street. This was telephoned to Central. Witness got into the car once more, and told the driver to take him back to No. 7 station. When the station was reached, all the men in it were ordered to turn out and proceed to Belcher's Street as he was of opinion at the time that the robbers had gone to the brothels. Witness wanted to surround the locality. The driver took witness and some detectives to Collinson Street, where he said the robbers had left the car. Witness waited there for some time. The principal Chinese detective, who arrived at the place by tram car, gave certain information to witness who proceeded to San Street. After posting the Police at different points, witness went into a Chinese godown and telephoned the information which he had received to Central. While witness was leaving the godown, Sergeant Clark came running up to him and told him of his encounter with the robber in Smithfield Street. Witness accompanied Clark to a tea-house in Catchick Street and Clark pointed out the place where the robbers were. Witness stood on guard at the door and ordered the policemen to surround the whole block of buildings. Witness next entered the house with some detectives, searched it and found nobody there.

Witness then left the place and went to Belcher Street where he met Sergeant Field with the third prisoner in his custody. In Jubilee Street witness met Sergeant Hedge who was leading the second prisoner. When witness first entered the motor-car, he discovered a small rattan-basket on the floor of the car. He also found a cap and a handkerchief. He found in different parts of the car several cartridges of different calibre; some were empty.

Sergeant A. Clark stated that on November 26th, at about 3 p.m., he was at No. 7 Station when he was informed by Inspector Macdonald that an armed robbery had taken place at No. 40, Des Voeux Road West. Witness went to the place by ricksha and met Inspector Macdonald and a party of Police. He also saw the car, which had been used by the robbers, standing outside the shop. The witness informed the Inspector accordingly and after going back to No. 7 Police Station, they went to the Searchlight at Collinson Street where they alighted from the motor-car. Witness next proceeded to Catchick Street with the Chief Chinese Detective, who suggested searching the tea-house. Witness was placed on guard at the bottom of the stairs while the rest went up.

Mr. Wood: Was it by chance that your party went to the tea-house?—Witness: Yes.

Continuing, witness said that about two minutes after he had kept guard in the first floor, several shots being fired on the first floor. Witness was armed and he took up a position at the bottom of the stairs. He saw two men rushing down the stairs firing their revolvers. Witness immediately drew his revolver and fired one shot at the man who was leading who happened to be the third prisoner. This man was at the time at the foot of the stairs. The man appeared to witness to collapse. Witness knocked him on the head with the revolver, and the revolver flew out of witness's hand. During that time the second prisoner was shooting at witness point-blank, and witness retreated to the opposite side of the road, where there were some verandah pillars. The second prisoner followed witness into the street and fired two shots at him. Both the prisoners then ran in the direction of Smithfield Street. Witness returned to the tea-house for his revolver but could not find it at the time. He next saw some Chinese constables join in the chase after the robbers. Witness obtained the assistance of Inspector Macdonald and party, who were in Belcher's Street, and surrounded the tea-house, which was searched. No other robbers were found there. A few minutes later Sergeant Field and a Chinese detective came with the third prisoner, who was under arrest. When the robbers were firing at witness in the tea-house, he felt a pain in his thigh. He examined his thigh later on and found a bruise, which Dr. McKenny said, was caused by a shot.

Sergeant Field stated that, hearing the blast of a police-whistle, he went to Belcher's Street and saw the first prisoner in the custody of the Chief Detective. He asked the detective where the other robbers were and the latter pointed towards Smithfield Street. After making enquiries, witness rushed on to Jubilee Road, and from there to the hillside behind the Tung Wah Hospital. He then saw the third prisoner crawling along a nullah. Witness ran up to the man and was about eight or ten yards away from him when the third prisoner took cover behind a rock and opened fire. Witness knelt down and returned the fire. The prisoner fired four rounds, witness fired five. The fourth round that the witness fired apparently struck the prisoner's hand as his revolver fell down. Witness fired a fifth round struck the prisoner on the right hip. The prisoner then held up his hands. Witness went up to him and arrested him. A seven chambered revolver was lying by the prisoner's side, containing four empty cartridges. The prisoner's pockets were searched and \$57 in notes was found on him. The prisoner also had eight live cartridges.

Third prisoner: All the shots I fired were not directed at anybody?—Witness: I cannot say when the bullets fired by him went. He had his hand over the rock and pointed the revolver at me.

Third prisoner: My intention was to frighten him.

Sergeant Hedge said that he proceeded to the hillside, east of the Tung Wah Hospital, with Sergeant Field. Witness went to one side of a nullah and Sergeant Field to the other. Witness saw one of the robbers in the nullah. The man pointed a revolver and opened fire. Field returned the fire. Witness's automatic pistol became jammed and refused to work. After the man was taken under arrest, witness proceeded to Jubilee Road. He saw the second prisoner running towards the foreshore. Witness followed the man who ran to the Swedish Trading Co.'s building. He then heard some shots being fired from a bush. Witness remained near the place and shortly afterwards saw the robber leaving the bush and run limping into a building which was an old cook-house. Witness followed him and saw the robber inside, holding a revolver in each hand. Witness covered him with the automatic pistol, which was then working, and the prisoner threw down his two revolvers and kicked them behind some old masonry.

Corroborative evidence was given by other witnesses.

The hearing was adjourned.

CONCERT AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL.

A concert, which was thoroughly enjoyed by patients and visitors alike, was held at the Naval Hospital yesterday afternoon, under the able organisation of the Rev. F. G. R. Hastings. Tea was served by Wimen's Cafe before the entertainment began.

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RETIREMENT OF MR. SHEWAN.

Upon Council requesting the Colonial Secretary reported that the Finance Committee had passed the votes Nos. 135 to 172 inclusive and he moved that the votes of the Committee be approved by the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR—This business concludes the last meeting of the year and it only remains for me to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, but, in addition to that, I desire to call your attention to one fact which is that the Hon. Mr. Shewan, who has been a member of the Council on and off for a considerable period, will leave us at the end of the year. I have, unfortunately, not had much personal experience of Mr. Shewan's assistance as I have only been a short time in the Colony but I have noticed his name appearing with pleasant frequency in the reports of earlier debates and feel how much my predecessors must have enjoyed his breezy and vigorous criticism. I can only regret that I am denied that pleasure in view. I would like, on behalf of my predecessors and the Government, to thank Mr. Shewan for his assistance.

Hon. Mr. SHEWAN—I thank you for the very kind remarks about myself. I am retiring because I feel, at my age, I should give way and make room for younger and better men. I do not want it to be said of me that "unheeded lags the veteran on the stage." I have unbounded faith in the future of Hongkong and I am sure under the present rule it will go on and prosper from year to year and age to age. There is only one suggestion I would like to make and that is that the Government of Hongkong, or the Government at Home, might give some substantial help to the Chinese authorities to complete the railway from Hankow to Canton. It would be a very great advantage to both Canton and Hongkong if this was done. As for myself I shall be no loss to the Council for I know many young Elishas in the Colony whom the mantle of Elijah will fit much better than it has fitted me. As this is the last time I shall speak at this Council table I pray that the Council in all its deliberations and decisions may be guided by a spirit of love and sympathy for the people of Hongkong, especially for the poor people, the poor, struggling and down-trodden who have so very few friends in the seats of the mighty. Council then adjourned sine die.

CHURCH AND SPIRITUALISM.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S WARNING.

In a sermon during the festival services in celebration of All Saints' Day, at Fulham Parish Church, the Bishop of London said there was only one question they could deal with after five years of war on All Saints' Day—that was what did we know about those who had passed away. After five years' study of all books on the subject within reach, and conversing with those who imagined themselves to be in constant communication, he felt it was the duty of a Bishop to guide his people in a wise path. The experiences related by Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir A. Conan Doyle did them no harm. The subject was discussed in the Old Testament, but never in any kind of way was it indicated in the New Testament. I had a most deleterious effect on those who studied it. He knew one woman who quite lost her mind over it. He had received packets of letters from a person containing supposed revelations from the other world, but it was quite clear she was driven out of her mind. They had to stop one person who was an invalid, and who was going out of her mind. He had not found a single revelation which had thrown any knowledge or real light from the other world. Makeleyna and Cook's performances made no pretence of supernatural agency; they were done by a trick. Fraud had been discovered again and again in the revelations of mediums. What he feared was that those who grasped the shadow too often lost the substance. "What, then, was the answer of the Church? Had they no answer to mourning mothers on All Saints' Day? He asked a mother not to think of a son as a ghost. Christ said, "Behold it is I, myself." The dear boy she loved was the same five minutes after death as he was five minutes before, for they had the assertion of the Son of God. "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." The preacher urged that if they were the same five minutes after death, they should check temper, curb passion, and grow more unselfish. Judas went to his own place and Stephen to his own place. It would make all the difference in the after-world what they were really bring back the communion of saints. None of us did perfect. Our boys would be the last to say they died perfect. They had gone to homes where they would grow in character.

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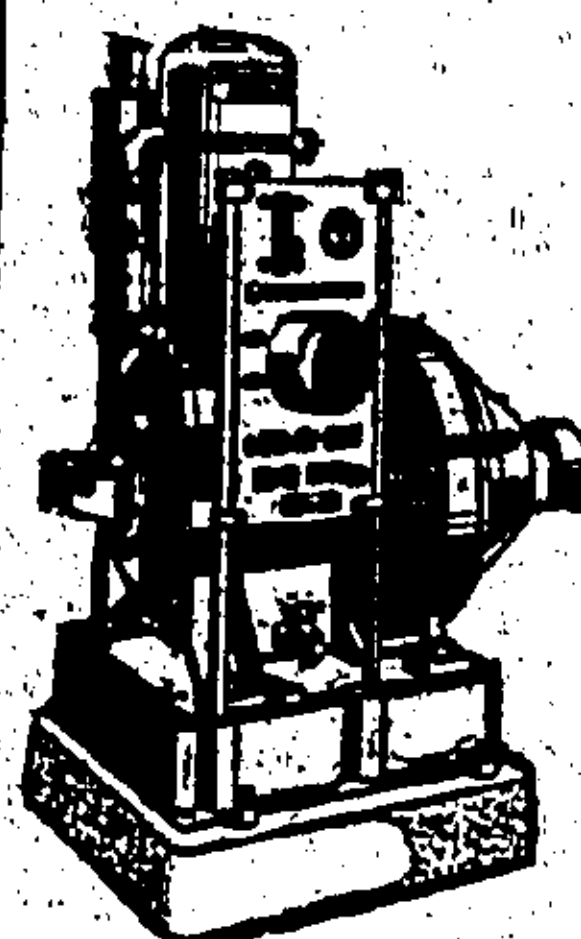
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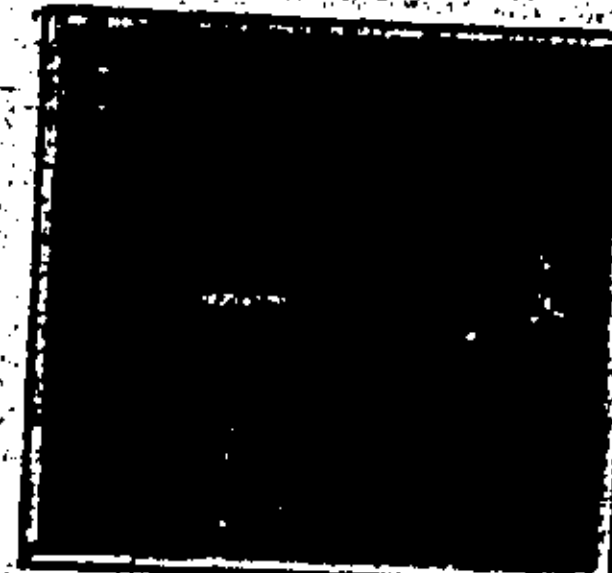
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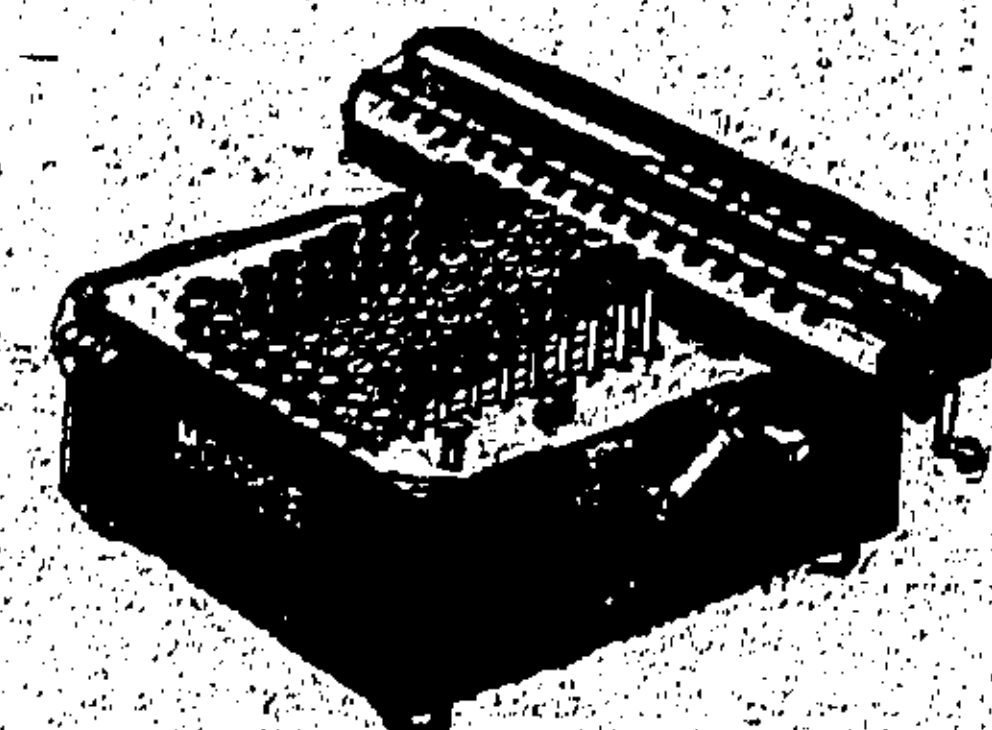
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(By Lieut.-Col. R. H. RICHARDSON, R.A.)

The intelligence and fidelity of the dog has been recognised as a valuable asset in the protection of person and property from time immemorial, and military commanders have appreciated this during many previous centuries, and have utilised dogs with their armies. They were employed entirely as a means of defence against enemy attacks, and were posted on the ramparts of ancient cities and elsewhere with the sentries and patrols. In my book, "War Police and Watch Dogs," published some years before the war, there is a photograph depicting a number of English-bred dogs with a German regiment. I mentioned my fears that these dogs might be used against us some day, while we were doing nothing in preparation along the same line. I also stated how I discovered the German agents buying up large quantities of our good Airedales, sheep dogs, and collies, for military and police purposes.

CANINE SENTRIES.

At the outbreak of war the French had a number of dogs with seven or eight infantry regiments, and certain official encouragement was extended to various dog clubs, which made trained dogs a speciality; but there was no properly organised training school in connection with the Army until the official establishment was started by the War Office during the war. About the same time that in England, the Italians had had previous experiences with sentry dogs in the Tripoli campaign, and in the Great War used the mountain sheep dogs a good deal with their sentries on the frontier. When the war opened, in 1914, there were practically no military dogs of any sort attached to the British Army. The sole exception was an Airedale which I trained as a sentry, and which I sent to manœuvre with the 1st. Bn. Norfolk Regiment, and on the outbreak of war accompanied it to France, where it was eventually killed by a shell on the Aisne.

When my offer of sentry dogs was rejected in the first days of the war, I turned to another branch of work in which I had frequently experimented in previous years—training the wounded on the battlefield. These dogs were, of course, used with ambulance sections, and this method of movement was the only method conceived, and also we in this country were convinced of the inviolability of the sacred symbol of the Red Cross, whether on land or sea, hospital or ship. Had these conditions obtained in this war, ambulance dogs would have been of great assistance. As it was, however, when the French army hurriedly sent some of their ambulance dogs with their Regt. Norfolk Regiment, and on the first few days, the first thing that happened was that, although both men and dogs wore the Red Cross, the enemy brutally shot them all down wherever they attempted to carry out their humanitarian work. It was also found that when the opposing forces settled down into trench warfare, the opportunities on the Western front were closed. The only ambulance dogs that were used with any success were those with the German army when the Russians were retreating on the Eastern front.

SENTRY AND PATROL WORK.

After some months I received a number of requests from officers for dogs for sentry and patrol work. I did my best to supply these, and found Airedales answered the purpose well. I also sent some to the Belgian army. During this time I understood many officers were writing to the War Office, asking that dogs should be supplied officially for several purposes. In the winter of 1916 I received a letter from an officer in the Royal Artillery, in which he expressed a great desire for trained dogs to keep up communications between his troops and the batteries during heavy bombardment, when telephones are rendered useless, and the risk to runners is enormous. He asked if I would train some dogs to carry messages, and I promised to do so. I made many experiments with a large number of dogs, and at last I got two dogs to carry messages homewards regularly without a hitch for two miles. They were both Airedales, and their names were Wolf and Prince.

They left for France on the last day of last year, and went direct to Thiepval, under escort of a gunner. The dogs were very intelligently managed in France, for although they had been trained without any of the adjuncts of war, they settled down successfully, and began to carry messages regularly.

The definite results obtained through these two dogs led the authorities to inquire into the question of establishing some means whereby supplies of these messenger dogs could be provided for the Army. I was ordered to the War Office to discuss the matter. Suffice it to say I was glad to propose a definite plan for starting an official school of instruction for military dogs, and that my ideas were agreed to. It was decided that the school should be formed at Shoeburyness, for the reason that the constant firing of the big guns would be excellent training for the dogs. Mrs. Richardson accompanied me. She has a great gift for training animals, and much of the success of the military dog service was due to her skill and devotion to duty.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

In the meantime the training work proceeded steadily at the War Dog School at Shoeburyness, and class after class of trained men and dogs were sent overseas, where they were concentrated, in the first place, at the central kennels before being distributed to the sectional kennels. A new branch of activity had besides commenced at Shoeburyness. As the demand for fighting men became increasingly insistent, large numbers who had been doing guard duty all over Britain were withdrawn, and the security of

munition factories, magazines, and vulnerable points of all kinds was an anxious one for the Government. I was sent for and questioned as to whether the dogs could be of service at this juncture, to act as guards and replace manpower. I said most emphatically they could. From my experience, however, in previous years, as applied to civilians, I knew that, in order to be successful, careful management of these guard dogs would be necessary, and therefore I drew up a list of regulations which was issued to each centre where these dogs were employed. Once this branch was fully started, applications began to pour in from all parts of the country.

At this time, also, a request for sentry dogs for use with the troops at Salonika was referred to me. The desire was particularly for Airedales, and they were to be used in the listening-posts in the front line to give warning of enemy approach. There were thus, at this time, three separate branches of training proceeding at the school. With these increasing demands upon the school, it was found that the supply of suitable dogs so far obtained was becoming inadequate. At first the only supply was from the Home for Lost Dogs at Battersea. Then the Birmingham, Liverpool, Bristol, and Manchester Homes were invited to help by sending any suitable dogs to the school. Many a homeless, deserted "stray" was saved from the lethal chamber, and transformed into a useful member of His Majesty's Forces. Later, the Home Office ordered the police all over the country to send all stray dogs of certain breeds to the school. Finally, when even these sources were not sufficient, the War Office decided to appeal to the public for gifts. The response was exceedingly generous. The country was, at this time, passing through especially serious times, and many people were only too glad to help by sending their dogs. The food shortage also was much accentuated, and it was felt that the family friend would be certain to receive good food and care in the Army.

Some of the letters received at this time testify to the unalloyed spirit in the country. A lady wrote: "I have given my husband and my sons, and now that he too is required, I give my dog." From a little girl: "We have let Daddy go to fight the Kaiser, and now we are sending Jack to do his bit." An "Old Contemptible" said: "I have been through Mons, and have lost a leg and nearly lost my life, and have not much I can give my country, but I gladly give my dog to help." An exporting person sent his further, with the remark: "I am sending you my dog Sam. He has always found his own grub, and has plenty of sense, so should be of use." Sam did not have to find his own grub any longer when at the school, but he nevertheless earned it.

In June, 1918, I made an inspection of the sentry messenger dog service in France, accompanied by Major Walcy. We also visited the French front, and were greatly interested in the work done in the French army with dogs. I had a conversation with the famous General Gouraud, whose wonderful defence near Rheims in July, 1918, will be remembered. The general is a great believer in dogs, and in speaking of messenger dogs he said: "If only one out of ten dogs could carry their messages I am satisfied."

On my return to England a large extension to the work, and a proportionate increase to the establishment of the War Dog School, was ordered by the War Office. By this time it was found that the available training ground at Shoeburyness was becoming too congested. A site was chosen on Mabley Ridge, above Lyndhurst. There is a splendid stretch of country here, and the training went on satisfactorily until May, 1919. During that month the school was moved to Bulford, on Salisbury Plain. In November, 1918, the armistice came, but just before that event the latest instructions for divisional attack were issued. In these it was ordered that infantry battalions in the attack were to be provided with messenger dogs. This seemed to set a seal on the long uphill struggle, the open, sincere, the active obstruction, the grudging assistance, all was forgotten, in the knowledge that countless men's lives had been saved and that this fact had now been realised and acknowledged.

—Daily Telegraph.

THE SITUATION IN ITALY.

A well-informed correspondent writes: "The political and economic situation in Italy, following the result of the elections, has been largely misunderstood abroad. The augmented proportion of Socialist members returned to the House of Representatives is the consequence of the feeling of unrest which prevails now in all European countries which have just emerged from the war. In Italy this feeling has taken a moral form which is acute but not at all dangerous. It is due to various causes, mainly to the fact that the Adriatic question, not yet settled, is taken deeply to heart by the whole country. This psychological situation of the Italians is not well understood and, therefore, is wrongly judged abroad. The extremist section of the Socialist party, also, is wrongly considered as Bolshevik. Bolshevism, however, has never reached Italy, being a tragical phenomenon affecting peoples who have lost the war and are of peculiar mentality, and not a victorious and well-balanced nation like Italy.

In Italy the order is perfect, and the food situation not too bad. The general depression following the war is overcome, and, thanks to common-sense and high patriotic ideals, the country has already started reconstruction work. The great majority of the people is not at all in favour of adventurous schemes, which can only be supported by small and isolated sections still retaining a warlike mentality."

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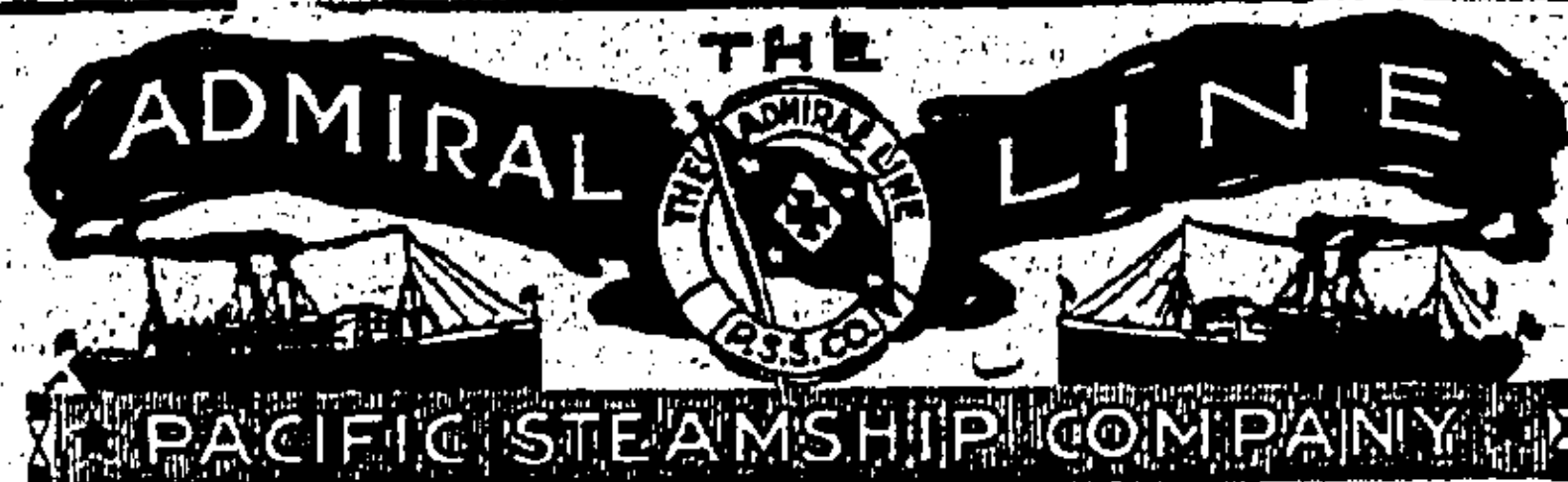
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Hohow and Pakhei	Alcorne	Wednesday 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui An	Thursday 25th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Sinkang	Thursday 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Hongkong, Canada, U.S.A., U.S. & SOUTH AMERICA, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Nila	Thursday 25th, Registration 9.15 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Empress of Russia	Thursday 25th, Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Macao	Chuncho	Thursday 25th, 1.30 P.M.
Saigon	Sui An	Thursday 25th, 4.30 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Sado Maru	Friday 26th, Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Saigon	Quinnabau	Friday 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta	Tamashock	Friday 26th, Noon
Macao	Arratoon Apear	Friday 26th, Noon
Philippine Islands	Chencho	Friday 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China	Kuonshing	Saturday 27th, 8.00 A.M.
Saigon	Hingang	Saturday 27th, 8.00 A.M.
Straits and Bangkok	Peking	Saturday 27th, 8.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Yingchow	Saturday 27th, 8.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui An	Saturday 27th, 1.30 P.M.
Macao	Chuncho	Saturday 27th, 4.30 P.M.
Japan via Moji and Seattle	Sui An	Sunday 28th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Sado Maru	Sunday 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kuonshing	Sunday 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Kobe	Kamo Maru	Tuesday 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Huichow	Tuesday 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Tamashock	Tuesday 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Lahang	Friday, 2nd, Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Huichow	Friday, 2nd, Noon

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name, only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

On LONDON—	December 23rd
Telegraphic Transfer	— 5.00
Bank Bills, on demand	— 5.10
Bank Bills, 30 days' sight	— 5.10
Bank Bills, 60 days' sight	— 5.10
Credit, at 4 months' sight	— 5.20
Documentary Bills, 6 months' sight	— 5.20
On PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	— 10.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	— 10.00
On NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	— 95.00
Credit, at 60 days' sight	— 95.00
On BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	— 200
Bank Bills, on demand	— 200
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	— 2.60
Bank Bills, on demand	— 2.60
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	— nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	— nom.
On YOKOHAMA—On demand	150
On MANILA—On demand—Peeco	1954
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